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RECENTLY...

Haru and the gang are having a difficult time in their fight against **Hardner** in the **Mystic Realm**. After **Belnika** defects from his side to Haru's, she realizes that Hardner's evil scheme must be to use the power of the **Altar of Birth** to fuse himself with **Elie** in order to gain her power of **Etherion**—so that he can summon the monster **Endless**, the King of Oblivion!

THE RAVE MASTER™ CREW

HARU GLORY	A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword**, a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. With Demon Card seemingly out of the way, Haru now seeks the remaining two Rave Stones in order to open the way to Star Memory.
ELIE	The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion.**
PLUE	The Rave Bearer, Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.
MUSICA	A **"Silverclaimer"** (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?
LET & JULIA	Members of the Dragon Race. Let was formerly a member of Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master. Julia was trapped in dragon form for years, but Let was able to free her and she joined the team.
BELINKA	As a young girl, she was experimented on in an attempt to artificially access Etherion. Hardner fooled her into fighting for evil until Haru exposed the truth and she joined his side.
GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)	Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elie.
RUBY	A "penguin-type" senteniod, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!
THE ORACION SIX	Demon Card's six generals. Haru defeated Shuda after finding the Rave of Wisdom. The other five generals were presumed dead after King destroyed Demon Card Headquarters.

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RAVE MASTER
The King of Oblivion?
Griff Rex

RAVE:227 ✠ ACCELERATED DEMISE

END-LESS?!
AW, SNAP!!
HE'S EVEN BIGGER'N LAST TIME!!
THAT'S ENDLESS?
I...I MEANT TO FIGHT THAT?!
HEH...
HEH HEH!
BWA HA HA! HE'S FINALLY HERE! TAKE A GOOD LOOK, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!
ENDLESS HAS ENTERED THE BUILDING!!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS!!
FINALLY, IT'S TIME FOR ENDLESS AND I TO BECOME ONE AND THE SAME!!

BUT LORD HARDNER...WHY IS HE HERE?
HE PROBABLY REACTED TO ELIE'S ETHERION AND THE STAFF!
WHO THE HELL CARES?!
THAT'D BE ENOUGH TO GET ENDLESS TO COME RUNNING!
!!!
ぶごーお

HUH?!
WHAT'S ALL THIS?!
AAAAAH!!
GAAH!!
SON OF A--
FUSION TAKES A FEW MINUTES...
IT WON'T WORK IF WE DON'T STAND STILL!
HOW CAN I GET HIM TO DO THAT?!

Inside Resistance Airship Liberale Familia
HOLY MOTHER OF CHEESE!!
IT'S A M-MONSTER!
DID THAT THING JUST BLOW AWAY A MOUNTAIN?!
GUYS, NAGISA AND THE OTHERS ARE OUT COLD ON THE DECK!
HUH?!
Green Race Village
Blue Guardians Flying Fortress Albatross
SO THAT'S ENDLESS...
SUCH DESTRUCTION...
I'VE HAD IT WITH THIS PLACE.
LET'S GO, DADDY...!
......

Urburg, Far West of the Altar of Birth
HAVE YOU SEEN THE HAVOC?
IT'S AROUND VIYBASS, TO THE EAST.
Kee Hee!
THE MYSTIC REALM IS FINISHED.
WELL... NO LOSS.
THEN LET US GO TO THE HUMAN WORLD.
Kee Hee!

IF HE GOES BERSERK...
...THIS WORLD'S GONNA--
DAMMIT!
INCOMING-- SECOND WAVE!
IT'S AIMING AT **US** THIS TIME!

BWOOM
FSSS
WHAT ?!!

オオオオオ…
huff...
huff...
huff...
huff...
huff...
ヒョオオオオ

ENDLESS STOPPED MOVING!
ELIE DID NOT CALL ENDLESS...
huff...
huff...
huff...
huff...
huff...
THE EVIL OF HARDNER DID.
IF SUCH A THING CAN CALL ENDLESS...
...THEN THE TIME-SPACE STAFF WAS MEANINGLESS!
ELIE ?!
ER... WOW.
OR ARE YOU RESHA?
WHAT?!
DID SHE SAY "EVIL"?
ELIE

I BELIEVE THAT THE STAFF'S POWER IS REQUIRED...
...TO LURE ENDLESS TO STAR MEMORY.
BUT THIS IS BUT THE SURFACE.
ENDLESS CAN APPEAR HERE EVEN FOR SOMETHING...
ふら
...SO...
gasp
... TRIVIAL ...
どさっ
ELIE !!
ENDLESS STOPPED... HE STOPPED!!
ELIE, HANG ON!!
Puun !!
IT'S NOW OR NEVER!!
I'VE MET ALL THE CONDITIONS!!

DO YOU HEAR ME, O LEBEN RING?!
MY FLESH AND THE FLESH OF ENDLESS...
...FUSE US INTO ONE LIFE AND EVOLVE US INTO SOMETHING NEW!
OH NO!
HE'S BEGUN THE FUSION!
Ha ha ha ha ha!!
NUTS TO THAT!
YOU WILL NOT INTERFERE!

MOVE!!
WHAT?!
HARDNER!!
YOU CAN'T KILL ME, YOU STUPID BRAT!
AND YOU CAN'T STOP THE FUSION NOW!
!

THIS ISN'T YOUR PLAYGROUND, YOU FLAT-HEADED PSYCHO!!!
!!!
THE LEBEN RING!!

YOU CAN'T HEAL IT AND YOUR BODY, CAN YOU?!
THAT LITTLE...!!
SPURT
Puun!!
!!
ENDLESS IS MOVING AGAIN!!!
WAAAA

RAVE MASTER

RAVE:228 ✚ TIME TO COUNTERATTACK

アアアアア
CRUMBLE
TOOM
CRACK
YOU... INFURIATING WAD OF SPIT!!
チラッ

DO YOU ENJOY RUINING ALL MY CAREFULLY LAID PLANS?!
DON'T BE **STUPID**, HARDNER! ENDLESS IS GETTING UP AGAIN!

SHUT YOUR SQUEAL HOLE!!!
NOTHING'S GOING TO STOP ME, SO DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME!!!
HARU!
NNGH!!
FSSHT
HE'S FRIGGIN' FAST...!!
FSSHT

WHAT DO WE DO?!
ENDLESS IS MOVING AGAIN!
BWOOP
!
もぞもぞもぞっ
WHAT?!!
にゅるるるるるる...
Wh-what is...
A PERSON?!
Puun!!
MY, HOW EMBARRASSING...! I WAS SO FRIGHTENED THAT I HID...PARDON MY COWARDICE.
プルルン
MISS ELIE, PLEASE WAKE UP!
HNH?
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

YES?
ER...
WHO ARE YOU?
MISS ELIE!
HUH? UM... WHERE'D EVERYONE GO?
ENDLESS HAS ARRIVED!
YIKES!!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME, MISS ELIE! UP! UP!!
UP?
!!

AGH!!
HARU !!
ズシャッ
IS THAT IT?
IS IT...
...YOU PUNK?!!
ELIE...TAKE CARE OF ENDLESS.
HUH?
GRAAAAAAH!!!
SO THIS IS THE BEST YOU CAN DO?!

GET REAL, YOU SCRAWNY LITTLE TWERP!!
I'VE GOT MORE POWER THAN THAT IN MY PINKY FINGER!!
HARU... HARDNER...
...AND ENDLESS? WHAT'S GOING ON?
プリプリ
MISS ELIE, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STOP ENDLESS NOW!
プリプリ
ずりずり
Puun!!
THE TIME-SPACE STAFF?!

WHEN DID --?!
CAN I REALLY STOP...
...ENDLESS WITH THIS?!
DO IT, ELIE! WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR?!
I...I CAN'T...
HUH?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "YOU CAN'T"?!
YOU HAVE TO DO IT BEFORE--
BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO STOP IT!!
I CAN'T JUST LET ETHERION OUT WHEN I CAN'T CONTROL IT!!
WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE!
MISS ELIE, HURRY! HE'S ALMOST HERE!
ゴゴゴゴ!!
Puun!!
BUT IF I FAIL, THE ENTIRE WORLD MIGHT...
YOU CAN DO IT, ELIE!!
I BELIEVE IN YOU!!!
ELIE...

YOU CAN DO IT...
BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AS YOUR FRIENDS ALREADY DO...

RESHA!!!
ズバ!!
ELIE!! STOP ENDLESS!!
!
ばっ
GOT IT!!!
THAT JERK IS MINE!!!

PLEASE LET THIS WORK!!
PLEASE LET THIS POWER PROTECT MY FRIENDS AND THIS WORLD!!!

ROOOAR!
FREEZE
IT... STOPPED!
Puun!!
SHE SUCCEEDED!!
SWEET.
BWA HA HA! EVERYTHING'S TURNING UP HARDNER!!
WITH ENDLESS STOPPED, I HAVE MORE TIME TO FUSE!!
?!

I'LL FINISH YOU LATER, BRAT.
BLP
BLOP
FSSS
HUH?! WHAT IS HE--?!
NONE OF YOU CREEPS CAN BEAT OUR HARU!
I KNOW I HAVE TO DO MORE THAN JUST STOP ENDLESS...!
IF THE STAFF CAN LURE HIM...
...THEN MAYBE IT CAN KICK HIM OUT, TOO!
OH!!
NOT VANISHED-- SENT AWAY...
...TO A WORLD WHERE NO ONE DWELLS.
GO!!!

ENDLESS...
ゴゴゴォ゙ォ゙
カァァァアアアア
...BEGONE FROM THIS PLACE!!!

WH...
IT OPENED?
THE SKY...
COOL!!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!
ARE YOU MAKING ENDLESS DISAPPEAR?!
LET AND JULIA WERE WILLING TO DIE FOR THIS WORLD!
YOU CAN DO THIS, ELIE!
STAY STRONG, MISS ELIE!!
NNGH ...
AH!

NOW IT'S OUR TURN TO FIGHT!!!
RIGHT!!

YAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!!
RRGH!!
LORD HARDNER!
STUPID... PIPSQUEAK!
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH YOU CUT ME-- I'LL NEVER DIE!!
I ALREADY SAW WHAT I HAVE TO DO.
A LITTLE MORE DAMAGE... AND YOU WON'T BE IMMORTAL ANYMORE!

RAVE MASTER
ZiRiRiRi
BC

RAVE:229 ✚ OUR WILLS, NOW BOUND TOGETHER

WHAT ?!
ME?!
NOT IMMORTAL ANYMORE?!

YOU HEARD ME.
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
PLEASE. YOU'RE BLUFFING--MY REGENERATION **NEVER** STOPS.
BURBLE BURBLE BURBLE
YOU SEE THOSE WOUNDS FROM A SECOND AGO? POOF--RIGHT AS RAIN!
しゅううう
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU DO.
YOU CAN'T BEAT ME!
!

!!!
END-LESS!
HE'S ...
HE'S VANISHING!
YAAAAAAAAAH!
たッ
たッたッ
GRIND
I'M OUT OF TIME.

I HAVE TO STOP LETTING THIS PUNK DISTRACT ME!
!!
ULTIMATE PAIN!!!
WHAT...
...THE HECK?!

WA HA HA HA! PREPARE TO RELIVE ALL THE WOUNDS OF YOUR--
!
OW.
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
YOU CAN BRING BACK OLD WOUNDS? MAN, YOU SUCK!

THAT'S IT?!
THIS CRAP HURTS, ASSHOLE!
IT DIDN'T...BRING BACK ALL HIS INJURIES?
IT CAN'T BE!
ARGH!
!!!

UH!
GGH!
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
NNGH!
AGH!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
MY RECOVERY'S SLOWING DOWN!
THERE'S MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM!

GAGH!
NO!
THIS ISN'T... WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
HIFF!
HAH!
HIFF!

ゲアアアアア…
D-DARN IT!
I DON'T THINK I CAN DO MUCH MORE OF THIS!
DON'T GIVE UP, MISS ELIE!
Puun!
NN!
がくっ
HAA...
すっ
!

USE MY MAGIC WITH YOURS.
GRAB
PLEASE, YOU'RE ALMOST THERE!
WAIT... WE MET HER IN MIEL CITY.
SHE PATCHED UP HARU'S ARM.
AND SHE SENT THOSE WORDS EARLIER.
...OKAY! UM, THANKS!
I'LL BORROW YOUR POWER!

ズガガガガ
WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY REGENERATION?!
WHAT DID YOU DO, RAVE MASTER?!
NOTHING, JERKWAD!
LEAP
I JUST KNOW THAT IF ELIE USES TOO MUCH MAGIC, OR I USE TOO MUCH RAVE, THE STUFF STOPS WORKING!

STOPS WORKING?!
YOU'RE LYING! MY POWER CAN'T BE DRAINED!
NOT FROM FIGHTING YOU!
IT'S TOO STUPID TO BE TRUE!
DODGE
YOU STINKING LITTLE PUS POD!
HOW COULD YOU DO THIS BY YOURSELF?!
I DIDN'T DO IT BY MYSELF!
WHAT?

YOU ALREADY FOUGHT LET!
LET?!
THE DRAGON RACE?!
Huff
Huff
Huff

LET... YOU OPENED THE WAY FOR ME.
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
I COULDN'T'VE PUSHED HARDNER THIS FAR WITHOUT YOU.
Huff
Huff
I SPENT THAT MUCH ENERGY FIGHTING THAT HACK?!
HE WAS NOTHING BUT A BEATEN DOG!
BEATEN DOG?
Huff
Huff
YOU DIDN'T BEAT LET.
HE'S STILL FIGHTING YOU.
?!
DON'T YOU GET IT?

OUR WILLS ARE TIED TOGETHER NOW, INTO A SWORD POINTED AT YOU.
HARU...
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? YOU'RE JUST A SORE LOSER!
HE'S BEATEN! HELPLESS!

LET LOSES IF THE MYSTIC REALM'S DESTROYED.
AS LONG AS HE DOESN'T GIVE UP, HIS WILL CAN KEEP FIGHTING!
DON'T YOU EVER QUIT, YOU SNIVELING BRAT?!
THIS ISN'T EVEN YOUR WORLD--LET THE DAMN THING GO!
I'M FIGHTING 'CUZ I CAN'T DO THAT.
MY FRIENDS' WILL IS MY WILL.
I CAN EVEN... FEEL HARU'S WILL.
ALL OF US CAN.
IF YOU CAN'T GET THAT...
オオオォ

...THERE'S NO WAY YOU'LL EVER BEAT US!

RAVE
Genesis
Bible.
Holly Mother
Sorciere

RAVE:230 ✚ HEART DROP

ENDLESS VANISHED!
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
YEAH... NOW WE'VE JUST GOTTA CLOSE THAT HOLE UP.
HUZZAH FOR MISS ELIE! HUZZAH FOR MISS BELNIKA!
Puun!
すっ
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff

Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
ゴォォォ…
GGH...
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
!
G--
GONE ...
D-DON'T GO...
... END-LESS!

PLEASE...
WE...
ずッ
ずッ
ずッ
ずッ
PLEASE...
...NEED...
...TO FUSE!
HACK!
HGGGK!
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
GGGH!
H-HEY. WHAT'RE YOU DOING, HARDNER?
ガラ
ゴト
ゴトッ
?!
ゴゴゴゴゴ...
ARE YOU RESTORING THE LEBEN RING?!

WHY WON'T YOU RESTORE YOUR OWN BODY?!
BUT YOU HAVE SO LITTLE POWER LEFT!
HFF HFF
NNGH
BUT IT'S NOT... WHOLE.
IT'S ALL BROKEN UP.
N-NO...
WAIT!
ゴォォォォ
MMPH!
NN!
WAIT, ENDLESS! I-I WANT... TO FORGET!
MAKE ME FORGET THAT DAY!

FORGET?
AAH!
PLEASE!
ゴゴゴ
PLEASE!
LORD HARDNER, RESTORE YOUR BODY!
PLEASE ...
ARE YOU STUPID?! YOU'LL DIE IF YOU USE ANY MORE POWER!
MAKE ME... FORGET!
END-LESS...
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU WANNA FORGET THAT BAD?!
ゴゴゴゴ
カッ

POOF
WE DID IT!

HARD-NER...

IT WAS... 15 YEARS AGO.
!
THE BLUE GUARDIANS WERE STILL SMALL-TIME PIRATES.
LOOK AT THIS LOOT!
WHAT A HAUL.
GIMME!
YUMA WAS ALWAYS AT MY SIDE-- ALONG WITH MY WIFE, SOPHIA.
WE SOARED THROUGH THE SKIES.
WE HAD IT ALL.
FRIENDS, TREASURE ...

BUT THEN ONE DAY, THE LIBERALE FAMILIA CRASHED UNEXPECTEDLY.
AND ON THAT DAY... I LOST EVERYTHING.

EVERY ONE OF OUR FRIENDS DIED.
ONLY YUMA AND I SURVIVED.
NOBODY ELSE.
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
はっ はっ はっ
…
ドクン
ドクン
ドクン
SOPHIA!
ドクン
ドクン

NO...
ガク
NO!
THIS ISN'T... HAPPENING.
IT'S NOT. HA HA!
SOPHIA...
NO...!
HIC
HIC
YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME!
HIC
YOU... YOU WERE ABOUT TO HAVE OUR BABY!
HIC

RIGHT?!
SAY SOMETHING!
PLEASE!
NNGH!
SOPHI-AAAAAAAA!
AAAAA-AAAAAH!
YAAAA-AAAAAH!

I LEFT TO TRAVEL THE WORLD ALONE.
I WANTED TO RUN FROM MY SADNESS.
THAT'S WHEN I MET THE MOTHER DB... AND LEARNED ABOUT ENDLESS.
I'M PATHETIC.
I, THE COMMANDER OF A MILLION MEN...
...COULDN'T FORGET MY DEAD WIFE AND CHILD.
NOTHING I GAINED COULD EASE MY PAIN.
AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THAT DAY.
I JUST WANTED TO FORGET THAT DAY.
AND I THOUGHT THE KING OF OBLIVION WOULD WIPE IT FROM MY MEMORY.

END-LESS...
MY SORROW.
MY PAIN.
MAKE ME FORGET IT ALL!
ブォ ォォォォォ
ENOUGH.
JUST... STOP.
ゴ
ゴ
POPS!
?!
ブォォォ...
TMP

HUH?!
YUMA!
YOU'RE... ALIVE?!
IT'S A CERAMIC FIBER BANDANA.
THE DAMN THING SAVED MY LIFE.
LADY BELNIKA! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
JELLY-BONE!
HARDNER...YOU DON'T HAVE TO SUFFER ANYMORE.
WHAT?!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU KNOW, YOU SON OF A...

HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND HOW THAT'S TORN ME TO PIECES?!
I LOST BOTH MY WIFE AND KID IN A STUPID ACCIDENT! I DON'T EVEN HAVE ANYTHING TO BLAME!
HARDNER...
YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT SOPHIA-- SHE DID DIE IN THE CRASH.
BUT YOU RAN OFF SO FAST THAT YOU OVERLOOKED SOMETHING.

YOUR DAUGHTER'S STILL ALIVE.

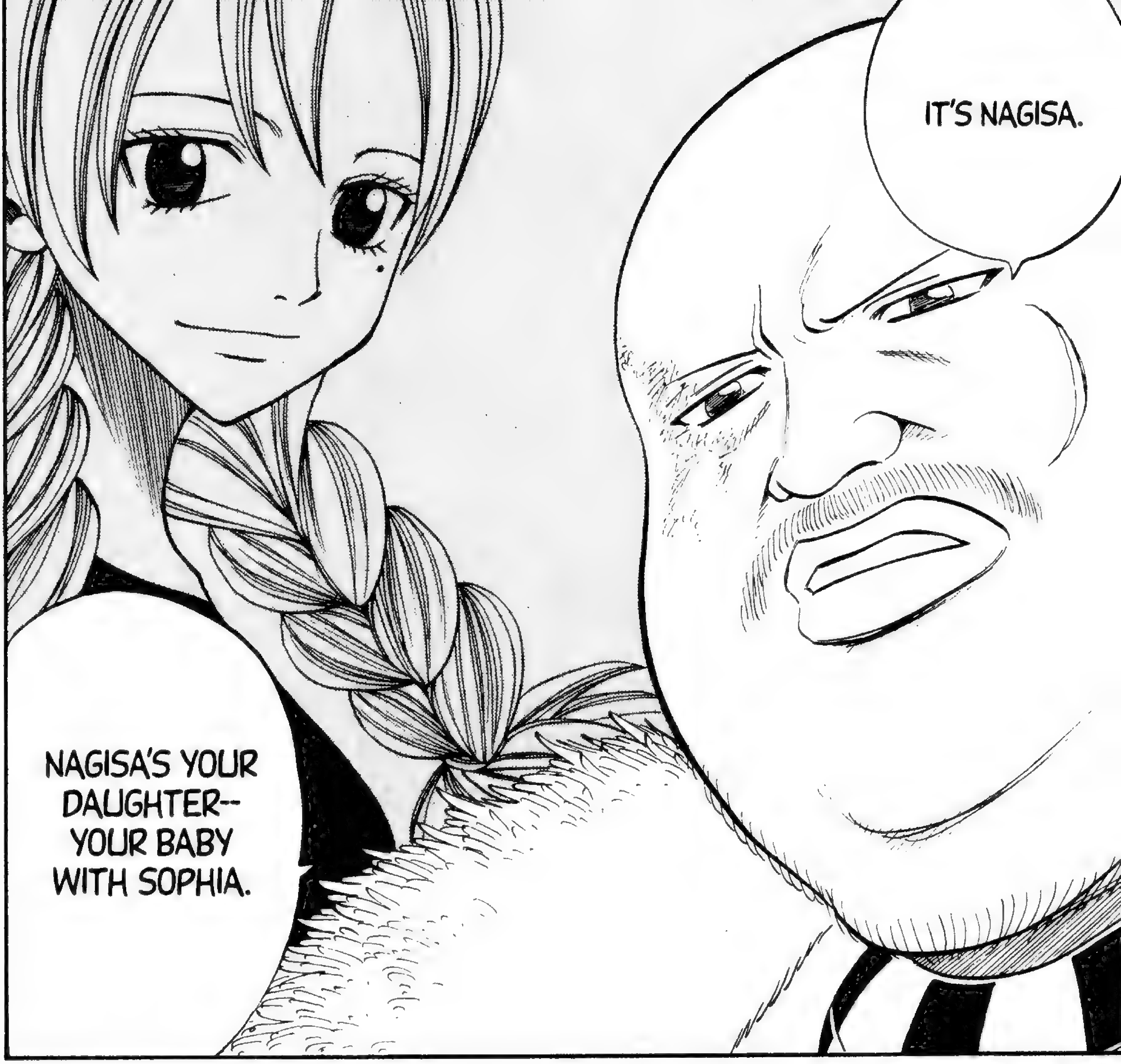
WHAT?
D... DAUGHTER?
ALIVE?!
YEAH. THE BABY INSIDE SOPHIA...
...WAS A GIRL, HARDNER.

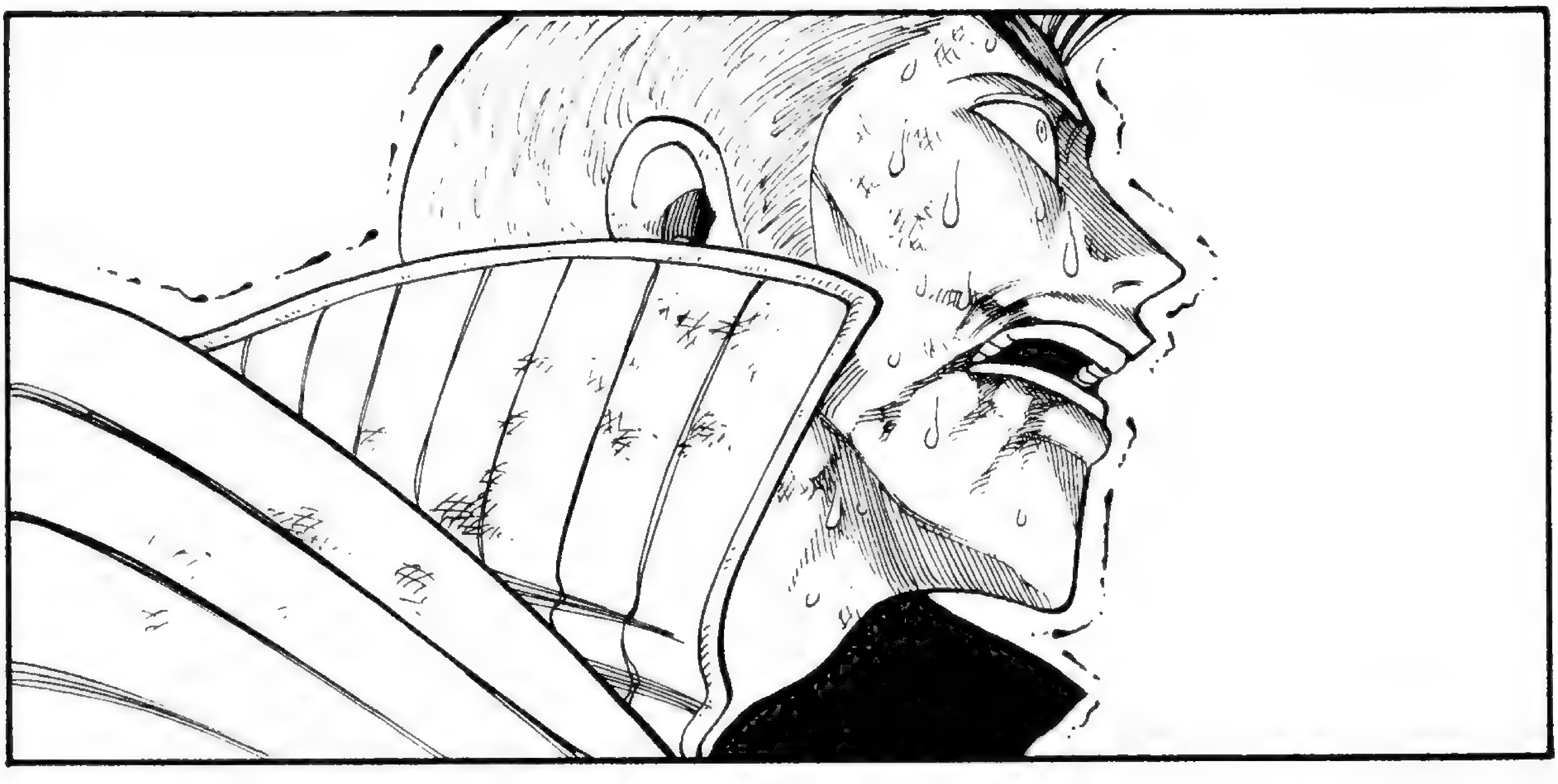
RAVE MASTER

RAVE:231 ✠ DARKNESS EVOLVED

DAUGHTER?
I HAVE A DAUGHTER?
……
REALLY, POPS?

IT WAS A COMPLETE MIRACLE.
A TINY LIFE WAS BORN AMID THAT GRUESOME ACCIDENT.
SHE WAS SO SMALL, SHE BARELY MADE IT.
I PITIED THE FACT THAT SHE WAS BORN ALONE.
SO I RAISED HER.
I RAISED HER AS MY OWN...
...FOR 15 YEARS.
YOU... YOU DON'T ...


IT'S NAGISA.
NAGISA'S YOUR DAUGHTER-- YOUR BABY WITH SOPHIA.



WHAAAA?!
NO WAY!
FOR REAL?!
NAGISA'S HARDNER'S KID?!
W-well, she's nothing like Daddy!
がくっ
IS THIS TRUE?
I WOULDN'T LIE ABOUT NAGISA.
I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL ANYONE.
NAGISA DOESN'T EVEN KNOW.
BUT SEEING YOU LIKE THIS...

I KNEW I FINALLY HAD TO TELL YOU.
Aaah...
Aa...
Ah...
Ah!
CAPTAIN! SIR SEAN REPORTS THAT HE HAS YUMA'S DAUGHTER!
REALLY.
HER NAME'S NAGISA, RIGHT?
Aaaa...
Ah...
MAKE HER TALK ABOUT THE HIDEOUT.
I DON'T CARE HOW YOU DO IT.

JUST MAKE SURE IT HURTS.
AAAAAAH!
NNGH!
I'M NAGISA ANSECTO, YUMA'S DAUGHTER!
YUMA'S DAUGHTER CAN DIE FOR ALL I CARE!
WHY SHOULD HE BE HAPPY? LET HIM GET A TASTE OF MY PAIN!
NN.
MMPH.
NNGH!

AAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!

AAAAAAAAAH!
YOU SEE, HARDNER?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS ANYMORE.
AAAH!
YOU HAVE SOMEONE TO LOVE AND PROTECT, TOO.
Aaah...
Nn!
コクン
NOD
Hnn...
Hgh!
NOD
コクン
LET, JULIA...THE WORLD'S OKAY.
AND THIS ISN'T EVER GONNA HAPPEN AGAIN.

THIS FIGHT'S OVER.
がしっ
LET'S MOVE ON, GUYS.
SO THIS IS HOW HARU AND THE OTHERS FIGHT.
THE CONFLICT DIDN'T END WITH DEATH.
YEAH.
I HAD TO TELL YOU, BUT YOU STILL CAN'T MEET WITH NAGISA.
BUT I HAVE A REQUEST, HARDNER.

I RAISED HER AS MY OWN.
LET HER AT LEAST THINK THAT I'M HER DAD.
TELLING HER NOW WOULD RUIN HER HAPPINESS.
I DON'T WANT NAGISA TO SUFFER.
NOD
IT SEEMS THAT HE WANTS WHAT'S BEST FOR MISS NAGISA.
WELL, YEAH...BUT A PARENT AND CHILD NOT BEING ABLE TO MEET?
THAT'S REALLY... SAD.
"SAD" IS RIGHT.
!!!

YOU'RE BETTER OFF DEAD.
SEE YOU IN HELL.

LUCIA?!
WH-WHY?!
ブチッ
LUCIA?
THE INTRUDER IN ADDITION TO US...
HEAT AND COLD! WAS IT BLUE CRIMSON?!
WHAT THE HELL'RE YOU DOING?!
WE FINALLY ...!

LORD HARDNER!
HARDNER, HANG IN THERE! DAMMIT!
HARDNER!
つか…
つか…
つか…
HEY! WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
AAAGH…
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE, LUCIA?!
I CAME TO PUNISH HARDNER FOR BETRAYING US FOR PERSONAL GAIN.
I ALSO WANTED THE MOTHER DB. DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?
SETTLE DOWN, YOU. I'M NOT HERE TO FIGHT YOU.
THERE ARE BETTER PLACES FOR THAT.

YOU HAVE FOUR RAVES. I HAVE FOUR MOTHER DARK BRINGS.
WE'RE ONLY MISSING ONE EACH.
I WONDER WHO CAN MANAGE TO FINISH FIRST.
AT ANY RATE.
くるっ
WE'LL MEET AGAIN.
カリ！
WAIT, YOU BASTARD!
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN LEAVE AFTER POPPING UP AND MURDERING PEOPLE?!
I DO.

LIKE HELL YOU CAN!
HARDNER DIDN'T EVEN WANNA FIGHT ANYMORE!
STAY WITH ME, HARDNER!
SORRY, BUT I'M IN A HURRY.
HM... ALTHOUGH I MAY HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO SHOW YOU THE POWER OF THE NEO DECALOGUE.
WITNESS THE TRUE POWER OF EXPLOSION ...

DARKNESS EXPLOSION!

WHA--
H-HE ONLY THRUST ONCE!
がら
がら
YEEK--I'M FALLING!
がくん
WHOA!
ビュッ
DADDY!
LADY BELNIKA!
I'M ALL RIGHT!
NNGH!
WAIT! HARU'S NOT--

ゴゴゴゴ
ゴゴゴゴ
WILL YOU DIE HERE?
HARU GLORY.
HARU!
ガ
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RAVE MASTER

RAVE:232 ✠ A SONG OF LIFE

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CRACK
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CRACK
BOOM
CRACK
FORGET ABOUT ME, MUCK-FOR-BRAINS! SAVE THE BRAT!
WE CAN'T GET CLOSE ENOUGH, DADDY!

BUT... HARU'S IN THERE!
FLOP
THE DRAGON'S EXHAUSTED.
NO!
HARU!
LORD HARDNER, STAY STRONG!
THIS IS ONLY A TASTE OF WHAT THE NEO DECALOGUE CAN DO.
THE SWORD DRAWS MAXIMUM POWER FROM 10 DARK BRINGS.

THE TEN POWERS IS ALREADY USELESS BEFORE IT.
MY BLADE IS SUPERIOR.
LUCIA...!
CRACK
AGH!
HIGGH...
GAGH!
THIS SHOW IS OVER.
HARDNER IS DEAD AND THE ALTAR DESTROYED.
YOU SHOULD THANK ME FOR SETTLING THIS MESS...
A TASK YOU BLEEDING HEARTS DON'T HAVE THE GUTS TO GO THROUGH WITH.
YOU... HARDNER FINALLY FOUND A WAY TO LEAVE ALL HIS CRAP BEHIND HIM!
WHY'D YOU HAVE TO DESTROY THAT?!

I TOLD YOU--I HAD TO PUNISH A TRAITOR.
AND I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT THAT'S THE LIMIT OF MY FEELINGS.
SHOULDN'T YOU BE WORRIED ABOUT YOURSELF NOW?
I CERTAINLY HOPE YOU DON'T PLAN TO DIE HERE.
I NEED A LONG RANGE ATTACK...
VACUUM SWORD, MEL FORCE!
PLEASE.

DARKNESS MEL FORCE.
?!!!
HUH?!
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HARU!
HIS BLADE SPLIT THE EARTH!
KID!
PULL BACK, DADDY!
HARU FELL INTO THE CREVICE!
NO!
AH HA HA HA HA HA!

HA HA HA HA HA!
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AH HA HA HA HA HA!
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YOU WON'T DIE THIS EASILY...
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...HARU GLORY.

OUR FUN WILL RESUME THE NEXT TIME WE MEET.
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オオオ...
H-HE VANISHED!
Puun!

THIS ISN'T GOOD.
HARU...
PRESSURE IS CLOSING THE SURFACE UP.
GRMBLE
GRMBLE

YOU THICK-SKULLED APE! WE HAVE TO GET DOWN THERE!
WE CAN'T WITH THIS SHIP!
There's nowhere... to go.

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gu—!
mi—!
WHO...
IS THAT SINGING?
IN WHAT KINDA LANGUAGE?
KE—!
WHERE'S IT COMING FROM?!
gu—!
ne—!
SE—!
THE SONG OF THE FOREST?
HUH?
ME—!

WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
THE PLANTS ARE GROWING INCREDIBLY FAST!
Pupuun!
!!
THE TREES'RE BLOCKING THE GAP!
THEY'RE KEEPING IT OPEN!

IS THIS MAGIC?
THE SONG... HOLDS POWER.
WHAT ABOUT THE BRAT?!
MISS ELIE, LOOK OVER THERE!
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me~~!
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ni—!?
I'LL BE... DAMNED.
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mii—...?
ALLOW ME TO TRANSLATE.

THE GREEN RACE ARE YOUR ALLIES.
!!!
NO LIFE SHALL BE TAKEN BY THIS SOIL.

GYU
MII
HARU!
BA
RETREATED, IT SEEMS.
TAAAA
GEEEEE
ER... WHERE'S LUCIA?!
!!!
RAAA
HA HA HA! THE LITTLE PUNK MADE IT!
REEEE
Nooooooo
SEEEEEE
UUUUU
MEEE
THE GREEN RACE?!
YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO PROTECT THIS WORLD.
CHIIIIIIIIIN
YOU MEAN, YOU GUYS HELPED EVERYONE?!
IIII
SEEEEE

NIIIIII
HAAAA
WE MUST PROTECT THE LIFE OF SUCH A HERO.
TAAAA
CHIIIIIII
MIIIIIII
WHAT OF...
... HUMANS?
WAAAA
RI
WE ACTUALLY DISLIKE STRIFE.
WE DISLIKE DEATH.
DAAAA
UUUU
KA
MOOO

HUMANS HATE THAT STUFF, TOO.
THANKS FOR TOTALLY SAVING US!
GRIN
AND THEY HATED HUMANS SO MUCH...
がしっ
WE GIVE YOU OUR HEARTFELT THANKS AS WELL.
THANK YOU... HUMAN.

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ZERO
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RAVE: 233 ✚ BETWEEN DAYS OF BATTLE...

Green Race Village
PHEW!
THIS FEELS GREAT! ♡
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THIS BATH HAS AN UNUSUAL SCENT.
I WONDER IF THESE LEAVES ARE GREEN RACE HERBS?
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……
カポ
BLEGH! BITTER.
MISS ELIE, DON'T EAT THEM!

HMPH.
!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, NAGISA?
I HEARD ABOUT HARDNER FROM DADDY.
ドキッ
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT GUY SURVIVED.
...
YOU MAY USE THESE HERBS.
WE MIX THEM WITH OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THIS WORLD'S PLANTS.
THEY WILL HEAL MOST ANY WOUND.
REALLY?!
THEN USE 'EM ON HARDNER FIRST--HE'S HURT WAY WORSE!

BUT HARDNER COMPLETELY WRECKED OUR HIDEOUT.
GRAB
AND AFTER ALL HE PUT ELIE THROUGH...WHY DID WE SAVE THAT BASTARD?!
HMM
ER...
BECAUSE HE REFORMED.
ざぷっ
HARU THINKS ANYONE CAN CHANGE.
AND HE WON'T CUT DOWN SOMEONE WHO'S TRYING TO.
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SWOOP
SWOOP
SWOOP
YEAH, RIGHT. HOW COULD A GUY THAT EVIL POSSIBLY CHANGE?
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MAYBE HIS GODDESS APPEARED.
WHA?
WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?
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SHE'S BEL! 女
PEEPER!

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じーーー…
YOU OKAY, MAN? THE FEAST'S ABOUT TO START.
HEY, MUSICA... OLD MAN MUSICA MADE THIS SWORD.
PUUN!
HM? WELL, YEAH.
AND LUCIA'S SWORD IS A LOT MORE POWERFUL.

RE-FORGE IT, WOULD Y--
ポカッ
OW!
BITE ME.
I'M KIDDING.
I BELIEVE IN THIS SWORD, MUSICA.
カッ
IT'LL BEAT LUCIA'S--JUST WATCH!
SAY, WANNA GO FOR A BATH PEEP BEFORE WE EAT?
!!
B-BUT ELIE AND THE GIRLS'RE IN THERE!
ひそ ひそ
CAPTAIN! PEEPING SITE IS SECURED.
PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE.
GOOD WORK, MEN.
SHIF!
HEY!
R-rock paper scissors for first dibs!
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カンカカン!!
HUN!
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EXQUISITE!
POYO!
WHAT A TREMENDOUS BANQUET!
HA HA HA!
SO HOW OLD'RE YOU, BEL?
ER... I'M 19.
FOR REAL? SAME AS ME!
PHOO...THIS MYSTIC REALM WINE IS GREAT!
ぷはー
Mmgh.
GO AHEAD-- IT'S OUR GIFT TO YOU.
I THINK YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH, DADDY.
Puun!
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ごきゅっ
ごきゅっ
Puhaa!
WA HA HA! YOU CAN SURE HOLD YOUR LIQUOR, ROUND GUY!
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WHAT UNUSUAL LIFE FORMS.
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AH...
WHAT A WONDERFUL EVENING.

FRIENDSHIP BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF RACE THAT GLITTERS LIKE SO MANY STARS!
…
WHATEVER.
JUST PUT ON SOME DAMN PANTS BEFORE THEY THINK ALL HUMANS ARE INSANE.
AH, MASTER SHUDA. WHAT WERE YOU DOING EARLIER?
WE DIDN'T SEE YOU AT ALL.
!
HMPH.
I WAS... PREOCCUPIED.
?
WITH DIARRHEA?
DON'T COMPARE ME TO HIM!
PILIL
OOOH... WHERE'S THE LOO?!
YOU'RE A SENTINOID AS WELL, HM?
?
WHAT RACE ARE YOU?

IF LET AND JULIA ARE DRAGON RACE, AND THESE GUYS ARE GREEN RACE...
HMM
DUH!
UH, A PENGUIN?
WHAT, POYO? WHAT AM I, POYO?
よわ〜…
YOU DON'T KNOW, DO YOU?
ER...
HM.
HUH?
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WAIT A MINUTE!
Yep,
yep.
WOW.
PENGUIN STARMAN, POYO.
THEN RUBY'S A PENGUIN STARMAN!
キラリー!!
WHAT?!
I AM A WOMAN WHO REQUIRES BOOZE BEFORE SNOOZE.
HIC!
AND SHE'S STILL DRINKING.
SINCE WHEN?
SPURT
SISTER JULIA IS OFFICIALLY REBORN!
SIS!!
YAAAY!
おおーっ!!
YOU'RE STILL SPURTING BLOOD--GO BACK TO BED!

HEY, ELIE-- DRINK UP!
YOU, TOO, BEL!
I-I CAN'T HOLD MY LIQUOR WELL.
FOR REAL?! SOMEONE GET ME SOME BOOZE!
YOU HORRIBLE MAN!
THIS CELEBRATION IS IN YOUR HONOR.
TRULY, HARU... I'M GRATEFUL FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
DON'T SWEAT IT.
ムスッ
I CAN'T ENJOY MY LIQUOR IF YOU'RE POUTING LIKE THAT.
Y-YEAH...WE GOTTA HAVE FUN. NO NEED TO TALK--
そお——...
SHADDUP!

WHAT HAPPENED WITH HARDNER?
じろっ
YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING.
HIC
GULP!
WHA?
I THOUGHT HE WAS DYING, SO I TOLD HIM HIS DAUGHTER'S ALIVE.
HIC
DADDY!
ER...IGNORE HIM, NAGISA! DADDY'S JUST DRUNK!
DAUGHTER?
YEAH.
DADDY!
NAGISA... PEOPLE CHANGE WHEN THEY'RE PROTECTING SOMETHING.
HIC!
ぐいっ
KNOWING HE'S A DAD IS ENOUGH REASON TO COME CLEAN.

YUMA...
KOFF!
DON'T TALK, YOU IDIOT!
IT'LL OPEN YOUR WOUNDS.
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
KOFF!
THANKS... FOR RAISING NAGISA.
Huff Huff
Huff Huff
ALL THIS... TIME.
SH-SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO SEE ME.
OR KNOW THE TRUTH.
BUT...
I DO HAVE... ONE FAVOR TO ASK.
Huff Huff
Huff Huff
PLEASE P-PROTECT HER FROM NOW ON...
Huff Huff
...IN MY... PLACE.

PLEASE... BUDDY.
MMPH!
JEEZ, WHY'RE YOU CRYING NOW?
TOO MUCH... BOOZE!
SNIFF!
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND SOMEDAY.
OH, NEVER MIND. I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU'RE HIDING.
YOU'LL... UNDERSTAND.
YOU'RE MY DAUGHTER, AFTER ALL!
HEY! DADDY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH...
LET ME GO--YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME!

You old perv!
SO THESE ARE HUMANS.
THEY'RE SO SIMILAR TO US.
DRAGON RACE...
PENGUIN STARMEN...?
?!!
REGARDLESS, ALL OF THESE RACES...
...ARE LIVING SIDE BY SIDE!
SPEAKING TOGETHER!
DANCING AND SINGING TOGETHER!
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SUCH FUN, IS IT NOT?
YEAH.

I THINK...
...THIS IS WHY WE FIGHT.
SO WE CAN HAVE TIMES LIKE THESE.

And thus the Mystic Realm entered a long age of peace...
...and Haru and his friends returned to the Human World.

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RAVE:234 ✚ THE FINAL RAVE

Human World
Northeast of Iima Continent
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SO THIS IS THE PLACE.

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU...
...SHIBA.
THIS IS THE PRIZE MONEY LEFT OVER FROM THE DANCE CONTEST?
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1000E
NOD
BUT THE TOP TWO PRIZES SHOULD'VE BEEN 1.5 MILLION E!
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SORRY, SON... BUT I SPENT THE WHOLE KIT AND KABOODLE.
ピッカーー!
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
ACTUALLY... I STOLE THOSE OFF A TREE.
YOU OLD COOT!
LOOK AT ALL THE FANCY APPLES HERE, POYO!
....
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IT'S OKAY IF WE'RE BROKE FOR NOW.
HEY, WE GOT LOTS OF FOOD FROM THE GREEN RACE, RIGHT?
AND THESE CLOTHES!
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM, ELIE--THE OLD MAN'S A THIEF!
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SO ARE YOU, POYO.

ANYWAY, WE'D ALL BETTER HURRY UP AND PACK.
DADDY'S SHIP IS LEAVING SOON.
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WHERE'S THE FIRE, KIDDO?
I THOUGHT THIS WAS A BREAK.
THE RESISTANCE SHIP IS IN DC'S SIGHTS.
IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I HAD A BED, POYO!
HOO YEAH. ♡
WE CAN'T STAY WHERE WE STAND OUT LIKE THIS.
QUIT FOOLING AROUND AND PACK!
IS THAT RIGHT? WELL, I'LL SEE YOU OFF.
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キラキラ
WHAT HAT SHOULD I WEAR, HM?
FORGET IT, GRAMPS.
HE BOUGHT SO MUCH, POYO.
...WHO SELLS THOSE, POYO?

FWOOF
THANK GOODNESS WE MANAGED TO OBTAIN AN ACCURATE MAP.
WE'RE HERE, NEAR RIBEYLA VILLAGE.
TAP
TAP
IF WE GO FAR NORTHEAST HERE...
...WE'LL REACH THE FINAL RAVE.
THAT'S OUR NEXT DESTINATION.

IT'S LIKE THE TIME WITH SEVENSBURG.
FINDING A RAVE IN SUCH A WIDE AREA WON'T BE EASY.
NNN
NNN
NAH. IF WE'RE CLOSE, WE'LL BE FINE. WE'VE GOT PLUE, RIGHT?
さっ
Puun.
MAN. THE LAST RAVE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'VE ALMOST GOT 'EM ALL!
UM...WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DO HAVE THEM ALL?

WE'LL BEAT ENDLESS.
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AND THEN WE'LL NAIL LUCIA.
HMPH.
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DELHALIA, HUH?
DELHALIA MOUNTAINS
THAT'S A LOTTA MOUNTAINS, THOUGH.
WONDER WHAT THEY'RE LIKE.
MY FRIEND...

I'M SORRY FOR THE LONG JOURNEY.
ALPINE.
Alpine Spaniel Four Knights of the Blue Sky

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IT'S BEEN SO LONG... TO THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS ME WHO'S STILL ALIVE IN THIS WORLD.
I TRANSFERRED THE SOULS OF THE OTHER KNIGHTS INTO ANIMALS.
I SEE.
NN!
I SEE, I SEE...
SNIFF!
BUT REALLY, YOU'VE LIVED SO LONG.
HEH. YOU'RE AS QUICK TO CRY AS YOU EVER WERE.

SO SHIBA. THESE LAST 50 YEARS...
...YOU'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR RAVE FRAGMENTS?
I'M SORRY, FRIEND. I KNEW THEIR LOCATIONS ALL ALONG.
I HAD TO STAY AND MAINTAIN THIS MYSTIC CIRCLE FOR THE SOULS' SAKE.
IF I'D SPOKEN TO YOU EARLIER, YOU'D HAVE ALL OF RAVE BY NOW.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. MY JOURNEY LED ME TO HARU.
AGAIN.
YES...I REMEMBER THAT DAY. YOU AND THE SECOND.
BUT THAT IS FOR LATER.
IT'S FOR THE BEST.
RAVE BEING SCATTERED...
...MY JOURNEY TO FIND THE PIECES...
...AND MEETING THE SECOND.
THERE'S MEANING BEHIND IT ALL.

NOW...WHY DID YOU CALL ME HERE?
THE SECOND APPROACHES.
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HE'LL ARRIVE SOON.
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HE HAS THE TEN-FORM RAVE-- AND THE THREE THAT DEER AND THE OTHERS PROTECTED.
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WHICH LEAVES ONE RAVE.
MM.

HERE LIES THE RAVE OF TRUTH.
IT SEEMS THOSE TWO HAVE ALSO COME.
THEN EVERYTHING IS SET.
WE WILL NOW AWAIT THE SECOND.
I DO WONDER IF HE'LL MANAGE TO ARRIVE...
...AND IF HE'LL OBTAIN THIS FINAL RAVE.
I DON'T KNOW.

AFTER ALL, HE STILL HASN'T FACED THE FINAL TRIAL.
EVERYTHING IS RESTING ON HARU'S SHOULDERS NOW.

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HA HA!
WHAT IS IT, LADY BELNIKA?
HARU'S FACE IS SO FUNNY.
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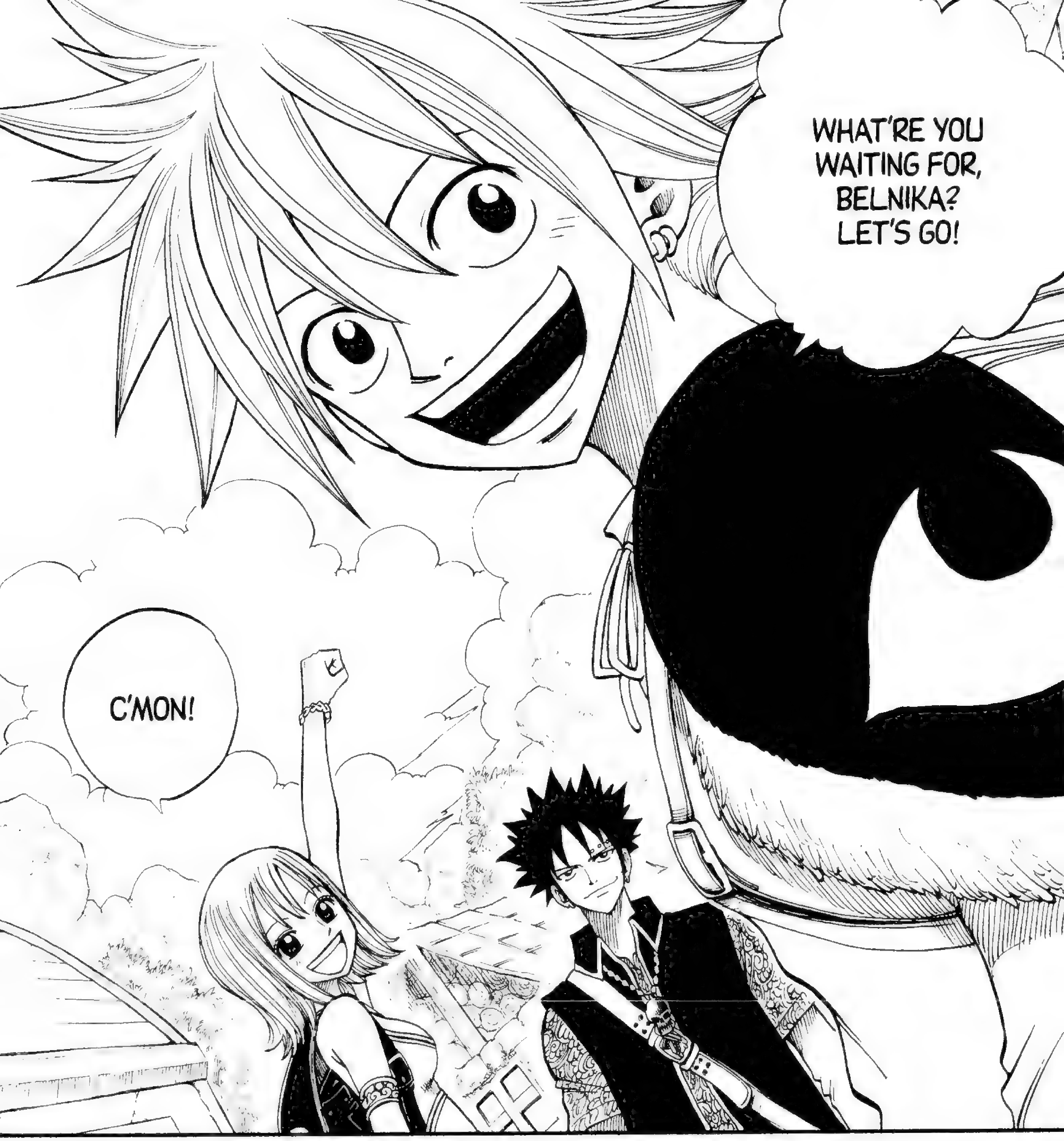
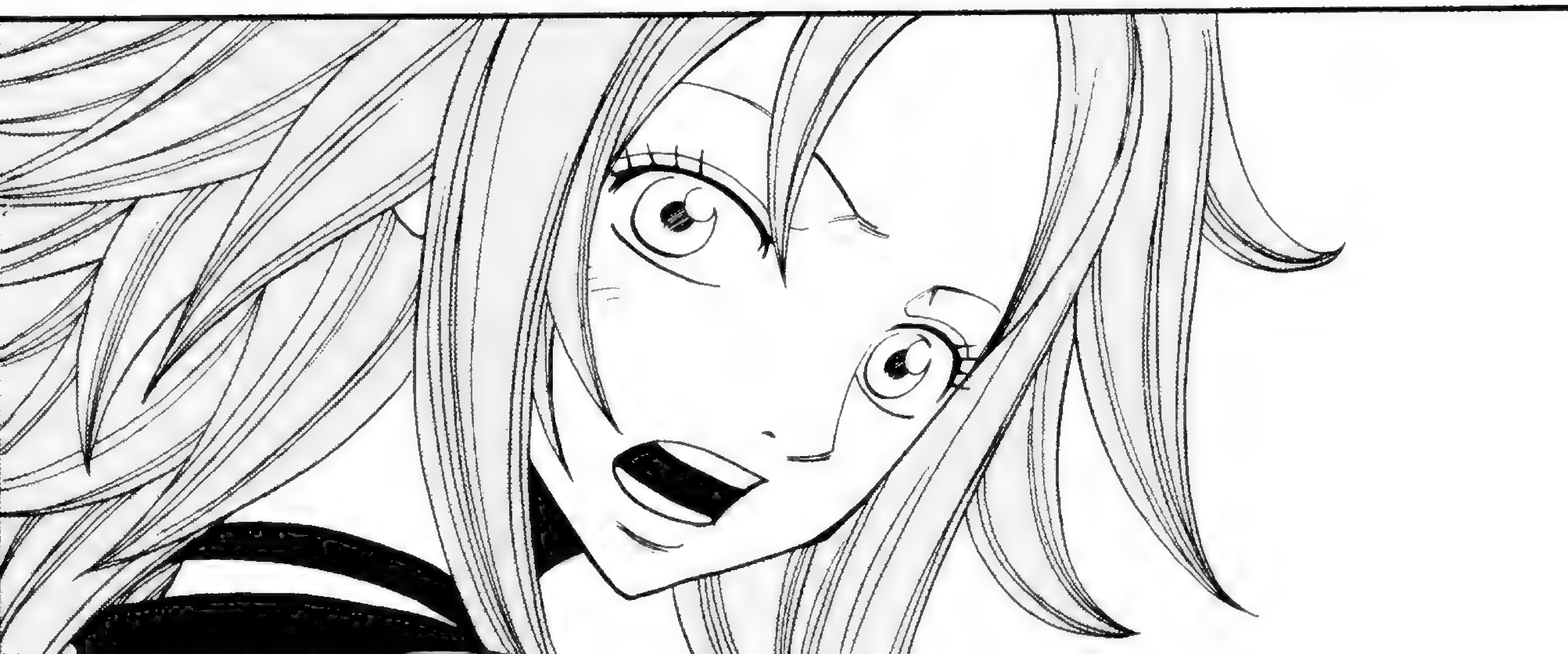
WHY ARE YOU MAKING THAT FACE?
M M M M M M
MM?
IT'S JUST...THE LAST RAVE'S SO CLOSE, SO I'M REALLY EXCITED.
IT COMES OFF ODDLY.
M M M M M M M M
HA HA HA HA!
MASTER LET IS COPYING HIM!
HARU! THE LUGGAGE'S PACKED--WE'RE GONNA LAUNCH SOON!

THEY'RE HERE. FINALLY!
TIME TO GO, JULIA.
!
HM?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT WITH THIS?
HUH?
LET'S LAUNCH! WOO!
HARU, JUST GRAB YOUR BAGS.
THEY'RE YOUR VERY FIRST FRIENDS, AREN'T THEY?
BUT...
I...


WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR, BELNIKA? LET'S GO!
C'MON!



R-RIGHT!

HA HA! EASY, GIRL!
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Chance!
HMPH
C'MON, GUYS!
THAT LAST RAVE IS OURS!

RAVE MASTER

RAVE: 235 ✣ MOUNTAIN TRAIL! HARU'S DECISION!

Delhalia Mountains
YOU'RE SURE THIS IS FAR ENOUGH?
YEAH, WE'RE GOOD.
WE CAN'T FIND WHAT WE NEED FROM THE AIR, ANYWAY.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
PLUE'S GONNA GET US TO THE FINAL RAVE NOW.
Puun.
WHATEVER YOU SAY.
BY THE WAY, DADDY... WHAT'S THAT THING ON YOUR HEAD?
IT'S THE SYMBOL OF A FRIENDSHIP PACT, TWIT!
FROM THE GREEN MACE!
GREEN RACE.
NOOOOOOO
WHY?! WHY MUST I BE LEFT BEHIND?!
MASTER, MISTRESS, WHYYYYYYYYY?!
...I FORGOT HE EXISTS.

YOU AND I SHALL FIGHT FOR THE RESISTANCE.
NOOO! I WANT TO BE WITH THE MISTRESS ELIE!
YOU CAN'T BE OF ANY HELP TO THEM HERE, ANYWAY.
FREEZE
SO WHAT-- YOU'RE ON OUR SIDE NOW?
I DO HAVE PLENTY OF INFO ON DC.
DO WE HAVE TO TAKE 'EM?
UH...
WHAT HAPPENED TO SHUDA?
HE WASN'T ON THE SHIP.
HE SAID HE HAD TO LOOK FOR SOMETHING.
HE LEFT TO TAKE CARE OF SOME BUSINESS.
I WAS HERE TO PROTECT THEM, BUT THEY DON'T NEED THAT ANYMORE.
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID, AT ANY RATE.

I WONDER WHERE HE WENT?
DARK, BROODY MEN ARE ALWAYS UP TO SOMETHING.
MAYBE HE WANTED TO SEE HARU'S SISTER!
HM... THAT MAKES SENSE.
BET HE WANTED TO MORE'N SEE HER. ♡
SCANDAL, POYO.
EVERYONE STOP TALKING!
THIS IS IT, THEN.
OUR BATTLE WITH HARDNER'S OVER...
BUT WE'RE STILL NOT DONE WITH DC.
WE'LL KEEP UP THE FIGHT, GUYS.
UNTIL EVERY CITY AND COUNTRY UNDER DC IS FREE.
POWER TO THE PEOPLE, MAN.
GOOD LUCK.
AFTER YOU FIND THE LAST RAVE, WE'LL HIT THE ENEMY HQ.
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ALL RIGHT, YOU DOGS! THE BRAWL ONLY GETS BIGGER FROM HERE ON OUT!
AND WE'RE NOT GONNA LOSE!
ROCK!

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES.
BACK AT YA, POPS.
PLUE, GET OVER HERE!
Puun!

I KNOW WE GOTTA GET OVER THESE MOUNTAINS, BUT SERIOUSLY.
THE CLOUDS INDICATE ILL WEATHER AT THE SUMMIT.
HARU... ARE WE TRAVELING THAT WAY?
I GUESS.
BUT PLUE'S THE ONLY ONE THAT KNOWS THE EXACT SPOT.
MM. THEN WE CAN ONLY RELY ON PLUE.
Puun!
Pupuun!
Puun
...

Mokaaa Uuu Daaa
Puu Puu Puu Puu
YOU OKAY?
IT'S THE GREEN MACE SONG!
GREEN RACE.
OUR HORSE GOT FATTER, POYO.
AAH!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, BELNIKA?
I'M JUST...NOT USED TO WALKING THIS FAR. BUT I'M ALL RIGHT NOW.
UH...WE'VE ONLY BEEN WALKING HALF AN HOUR.
PRISS.
EEK! A MONSTER!
NAH, IT'S JUST A FROG.
GRR!
RIBBIT

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HEY--ISN'T SHE DEAD WEIGHT HERE?
C'MON, JULIA. DON'T BE A JERK.
YEAH. TALK SOME SENSE INTO HER, LET!
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WHAT? YOU'RE SAD, MAN.
UH, THE MORE THE MERRIER! Really.
YOU'RE SWEATING, POYO.
I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE ADDING PEOPLE JUST TO UP THE "FUN" QUOTIENT.
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BELNIKA CAN FIGHT FINE.
SHE'S ALREADY ONE OF US.
HARU...
REALLY? THEN PROVE IT!
TRY ME ON FOR SIZE.
TAUNT
WHAT?!
GOOD LUCK, BEL!
STOP THAT.
I'M...NOT A COMBAT SPECIALIST, BUT...
I CAN USE SOME MAGIC.
MAGIC? WE ALREADY HAVE TWO MAGIC USERS, CHICKIE.

ALTHOUGH...
And yet they are:
Useless!
Dangerous!
EVERYONE WOULDN'T HAVE HEALED SO QUICKLY FROM GREEN RACE HERBS ALONE.
Speaking of dead weight party members.
REALLY?
MY SPECIALTY IS HEALING MAGIC.
JULIA AND I WERE INJURED VERY BADLY.
WE'RE ONLY HERE BECAUSE BELNIKA USED HER HEALING MAGIC THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

YOU'RE USING HER FIRST NAME ALL COZY-LIKE, YA DAMN CHEAT!
SH- SHOULD I CALL HER "BEL"?
NO, YOU IDIOT!
HE MIGHT NEED MORE HEALING.
ER, PERHAPS.
YOU'RE A GOOD GIRL. BIG SIS LIKES YOOOU.
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THANK... YOU?
LOVE
THAT JULIA'S A PIECE OF WORK.
YOU ONLY NOTICED NOW?
WELCOME ALL OVER AGAIN!
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AW.
WE'RE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU!
MAN, THEY'RE DIM.
THEY JUST STARTED A LOVE TRIANGLE.
SHH! QUIET, EVERYONE!

MASTER PLUE IS SLEEPING.
Puhiin.
WELL, WAKE HIM UP!
WE CAN'T MOVE IF PLUE'S ASLEEP!
IT'S ALL RIGHT; HE'S POINTED OUT THE WAY.
OVER THERE.
WE'VE GOTTA CLIMB THAT MOUNTAIN?
YIKES.
WHOA!

CAN WE CLIMB IT?
I SAY WE LOOK FOR A DETOUR.
!
EVERYONE LOOK, POYO! THERE ARE STEPS HERE, POYO!
POYO!
STEPS?!
THOSE ARE SURE OUTTA PLACE.
MAYBE IT'S A SHORTCUT PAST THE MOUNTAIN!
A SHORTCUT, HUH...

SNAP
KYAAAAAAAAAA!
WHAT IS IT, BELNIKA?!
S-SOMETHING'S THERE!
A PAIR OF EYES BLINKED AT ME!
IT'S PROBABLY A GHOST!
RIIIIIGHT.
DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!
STOPPING NOW SEEMS LIKE THE BETTER CHOICE.
TOTALLY.
AND IT'S NOT NECESSARILY A SHORTCUT.
YEAH.
WE'LL GO AROUND. THE STAIRS MIGHT BE A TRAP.
FINE.

HURRY UP, HARU--THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE CREEPS!
HE FOUND SOMETHING, POYO.
......
WHAT NOW, HARU?
TAP
!
HOLD UP, GUYS.
WE'RE TAKIN' THE STAIRS, AFTER ALL.
THE DETOUR'S A BETTER PLAN.
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO FOOL AROUND, HARU.

SHIBA PASSED THROUGH HERE.
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WHAT?!
THIS SCARF.
SHIBA
SIS MADE IT FOR SHIBA.
SO SHIBA DROPPED IT?!
THEN THAT MEANS...
YEAH--THE LAST RAVE'S PROBABLY THIS WAY!
LET'S GO, GUYS!

WAIT.
I HAVE A...VERY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
PLEASE, LET'S GO AROUND.
"A BAD FEELING"?
I'M...AFRAID OF THIS PLACE SOMEHOW.
AH, YOU'RE JUST SCARED.
D-DON'T BE SCARED-- WE'RE HERE! EH HEH HEH.

TAKE IT EASY.
I'M HERE, REMEMBER?
YOU HEARD THE MAN.
TH-THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF. NOPE! NOTHING AT ALL!
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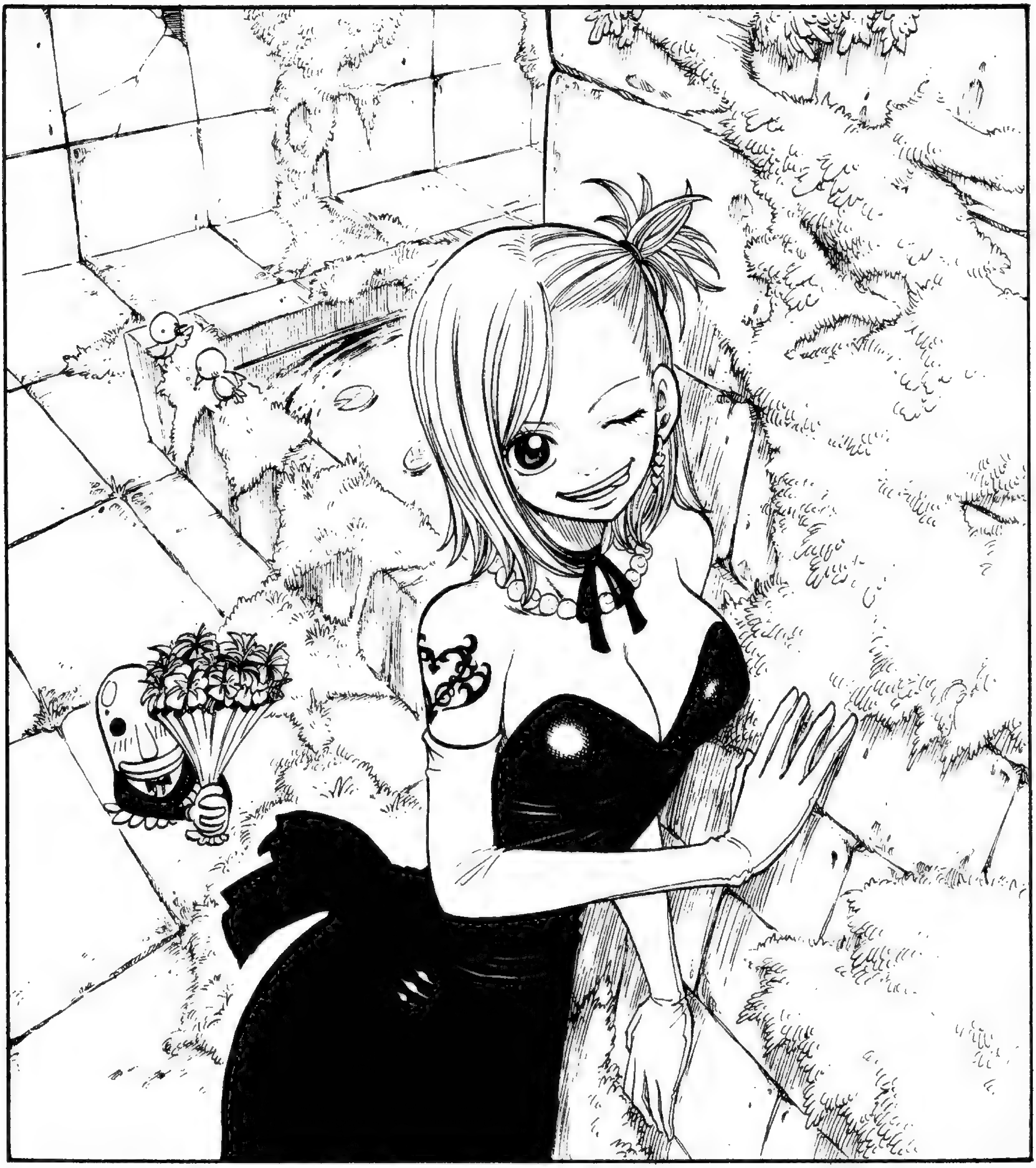

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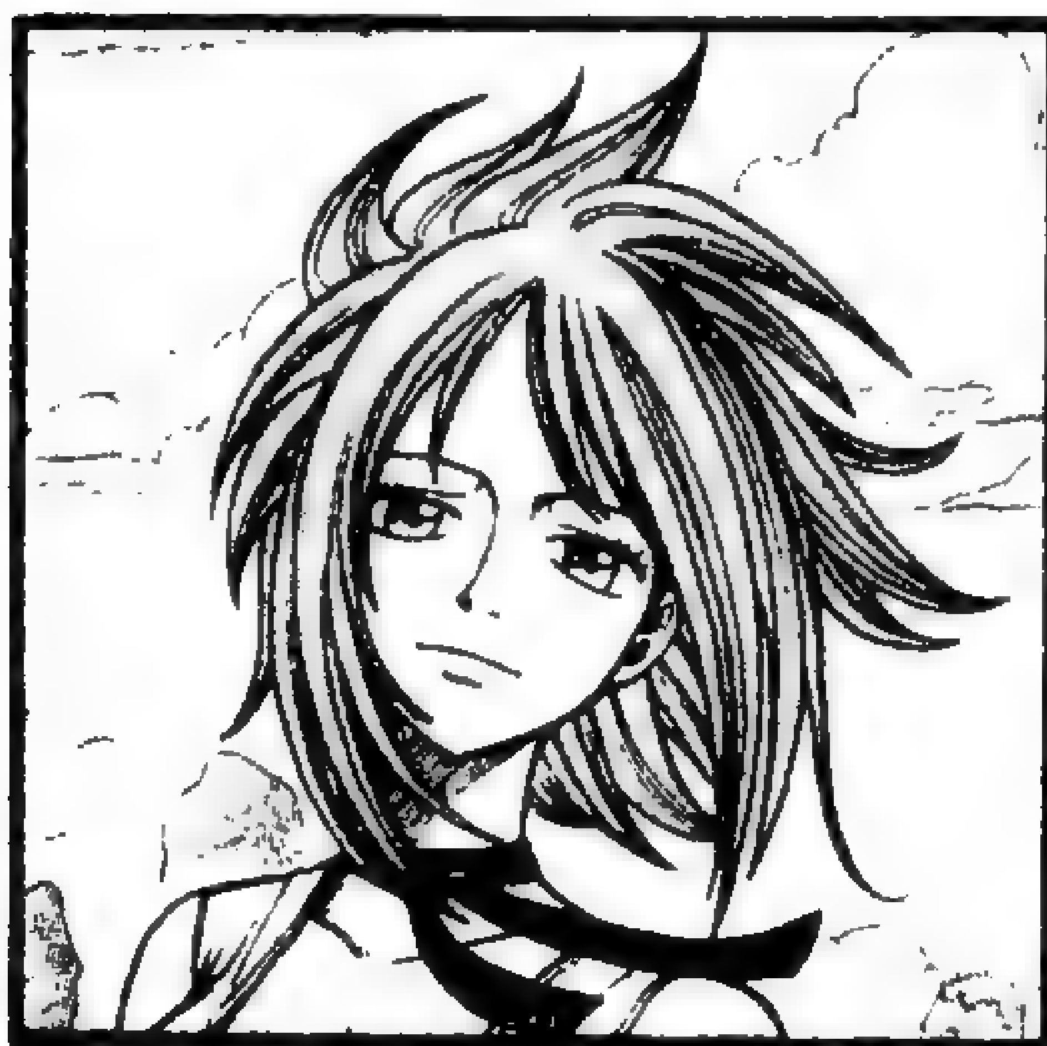
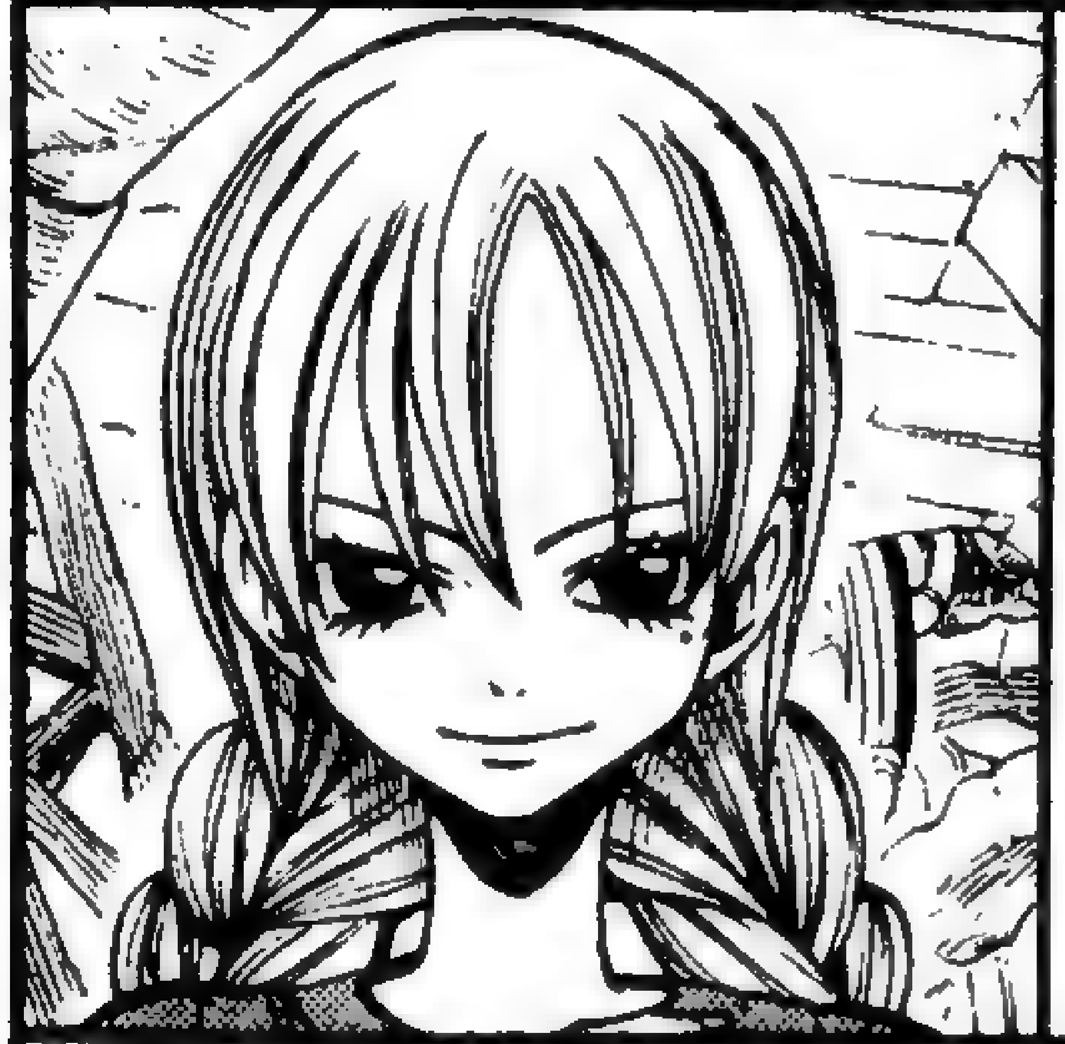
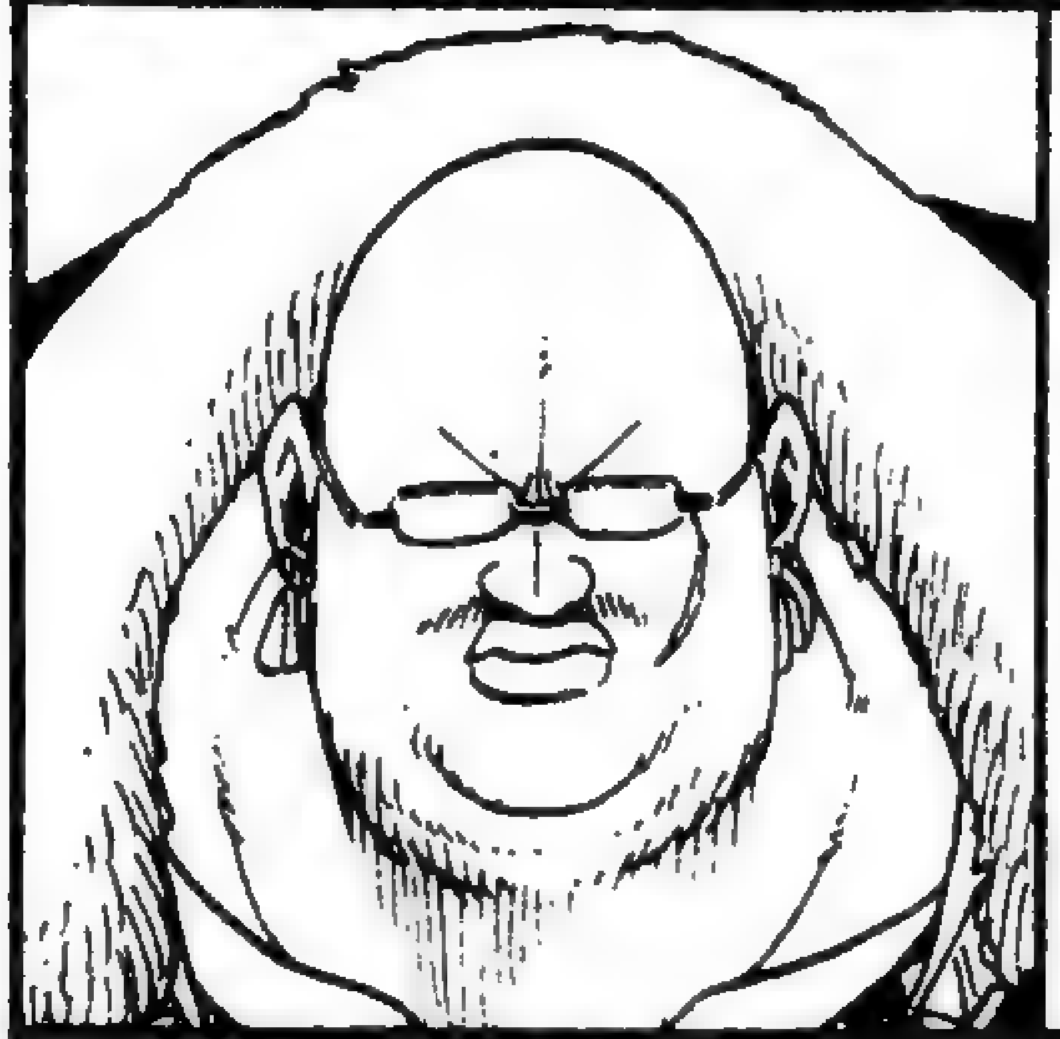


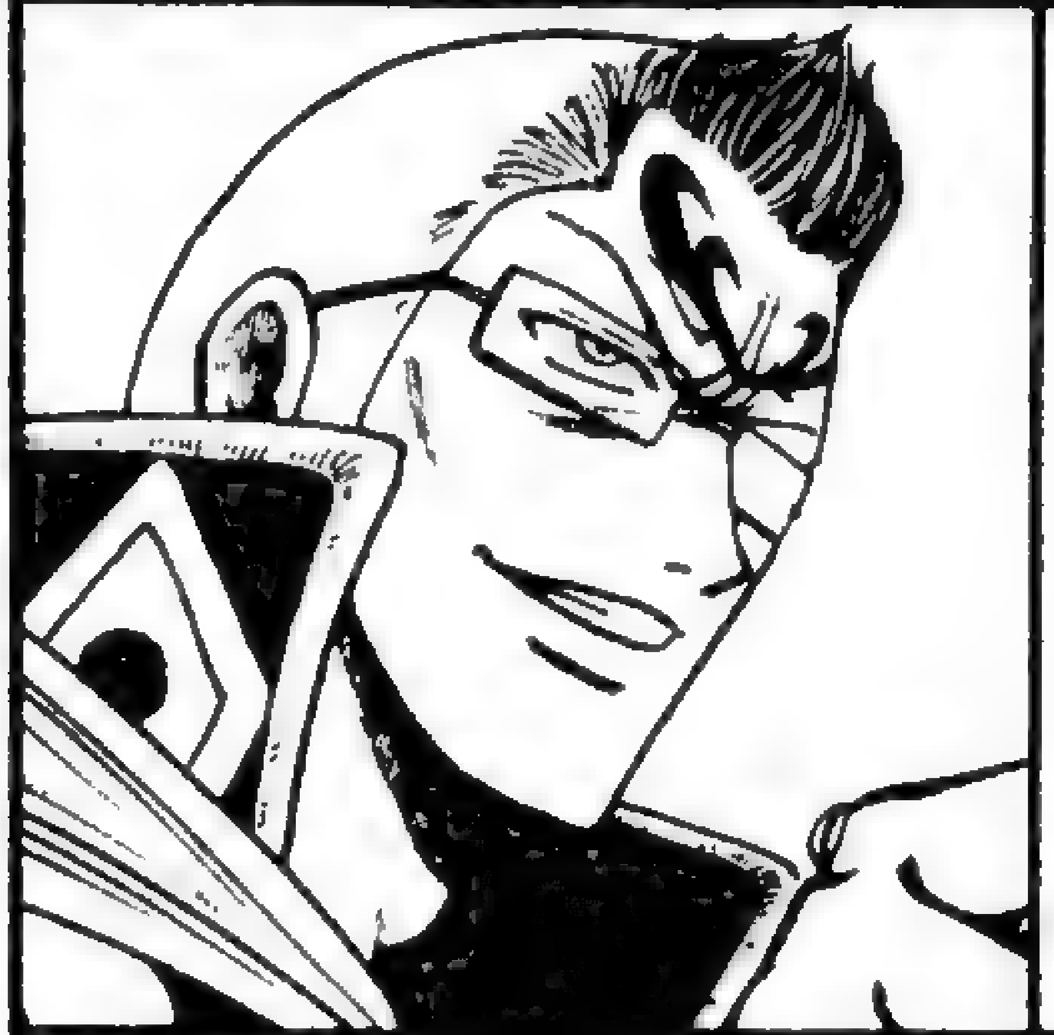
Sorceress of Healing: Belnika
(1) Magic
(2) 0048, July 8 / Age 19
(3) 159 cm (5'2.5") / 47 kg (104 lbs.) / Type AB
(4) Solar Fish Village (Iima Continent)
(5) Fussing over her hair
(6) Fast stripping
(7) Haru, friends
(8) Mountain paths



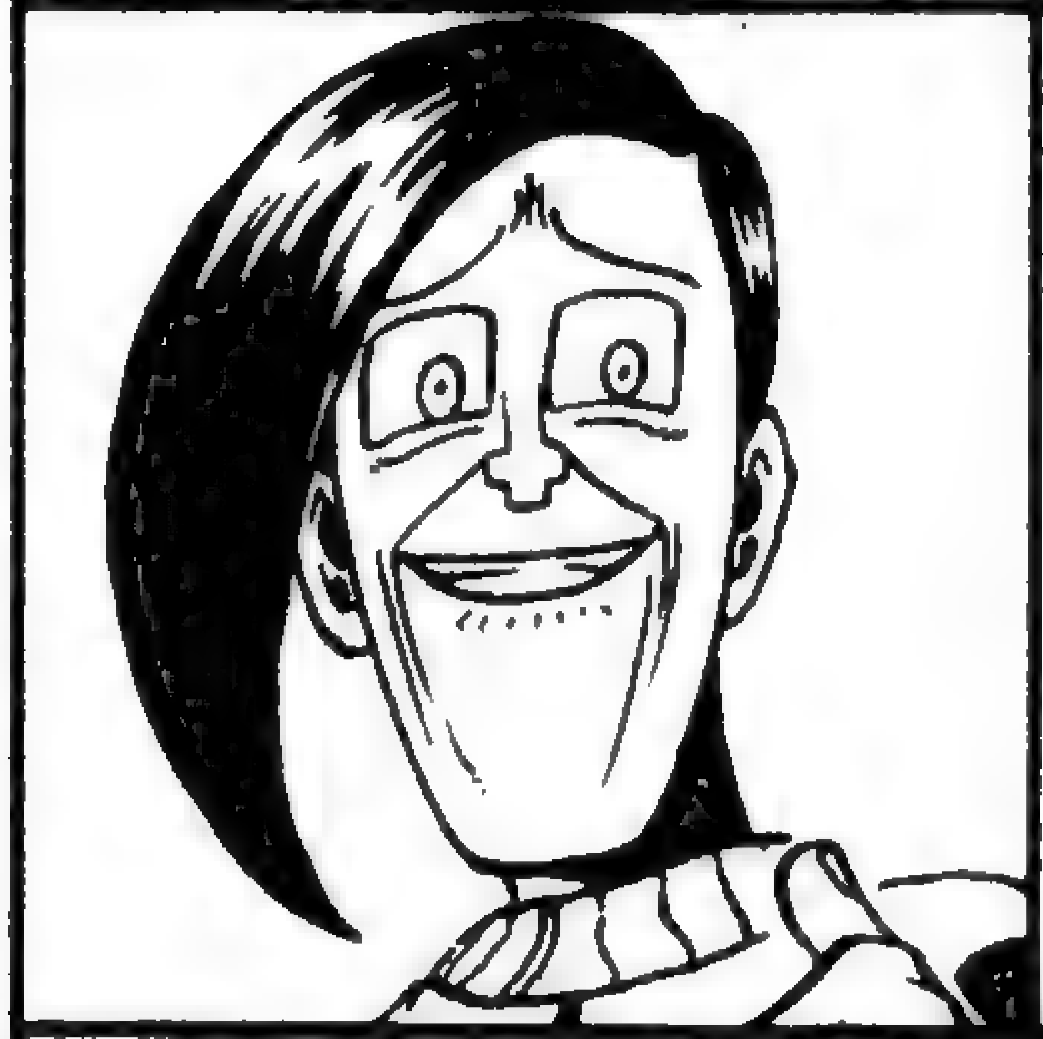
Resistance's Sole Woman: Nagisa Ansecto
(1) Guns
(2) 0052, Sept 3/ Age 15
(3) 154 cm (5'0.5") / 45 kg (99 lbs.) / Type B
(4) Resistance Hideout
(5) Dance
(6) Vanishing Techniques
(7) Family
(8) DC



Resistance Leader: Yuma Ansecto
(1) Gun-Axe
(2) 0027, Feb 18 / Age 40
(3) 203 cm (6'8") / 168 kg (370 lbs.) / Type A
(4) Resistance Hideout
(5) Body Building
(6) Smacking faces
(2) Daughter, sons
(8) DC, BG



BG Captain: Hardner
(1) Mother DB (Anastasis), Executioner's Sword
(2) 0025, Oct 29/ Age 41
(3) 218 cm (7'2") / 149 kg (328 lbs.) / Type O
(4) Denon City
(5) Making fun of subordinates
(6) Restoration
(7) Everything the world has
(8) Losing that which he has obtained



213th DC Squad Leader: Branch
(1) DB (Escape), makes running away faster
(2) 0046, Jan 2/ Age 21
(3) 160 cm (5'3") / 42 kg (93 lbs.) / Type A
(4) Garage Island
(5) Dancing
(6) Cunning
(7) Women, money, fame
(8) Those who know his past

How to Read This Data ▷

(1) Weapon
(2) Date of Birth
(3) Height/ Weight/ Blood Type
(4) Birthplace
(5) Interests
(6) Specialty
(7) Likes
(8) Dislikes

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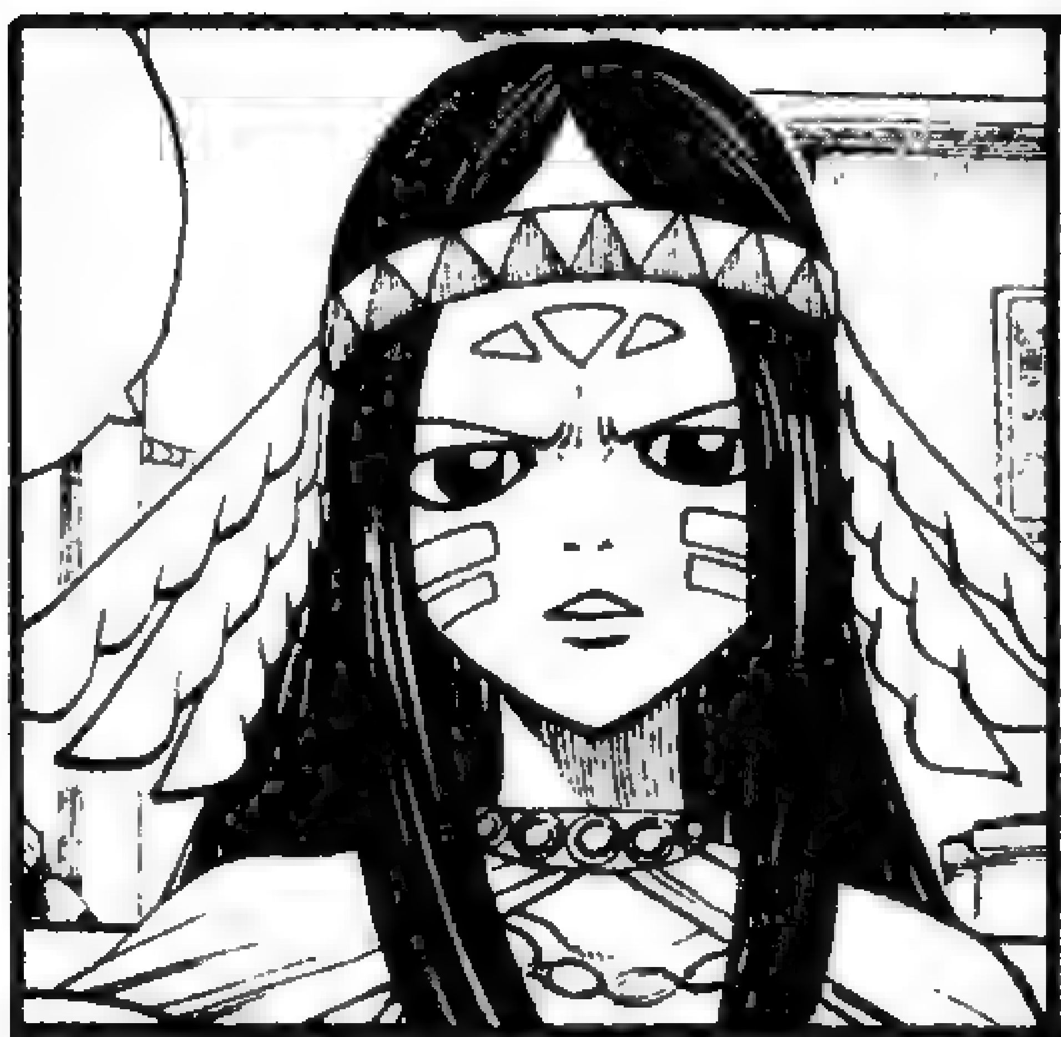
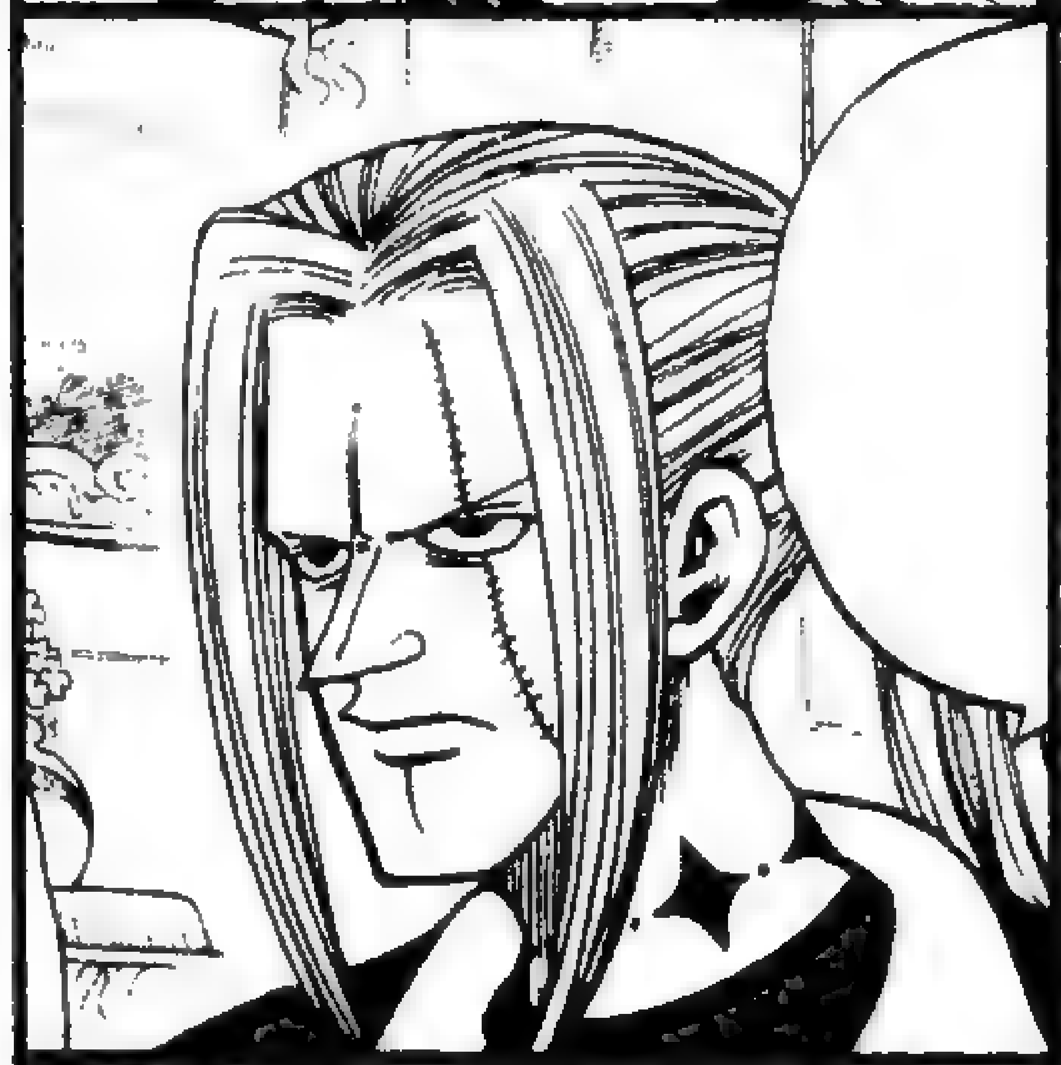
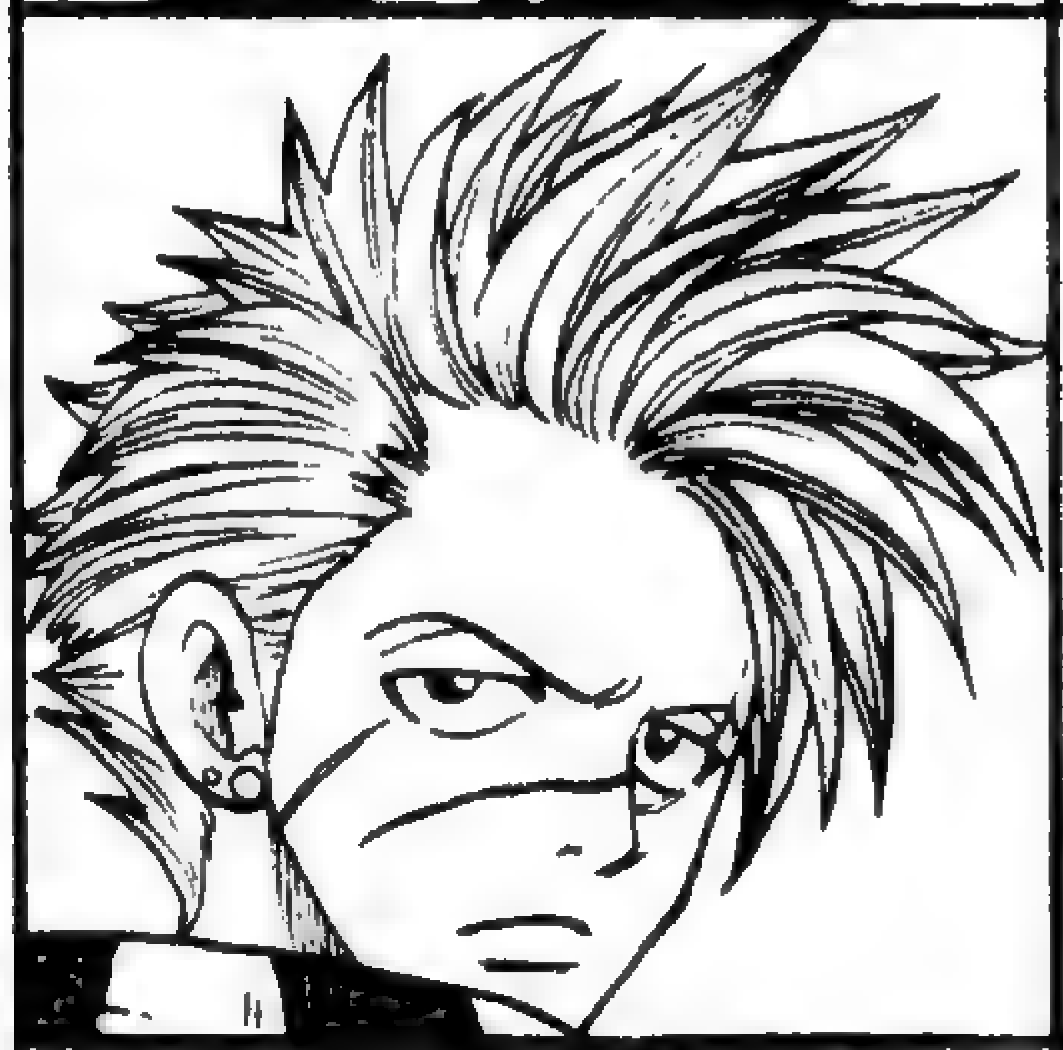
CHARACTER PROFILE (2)



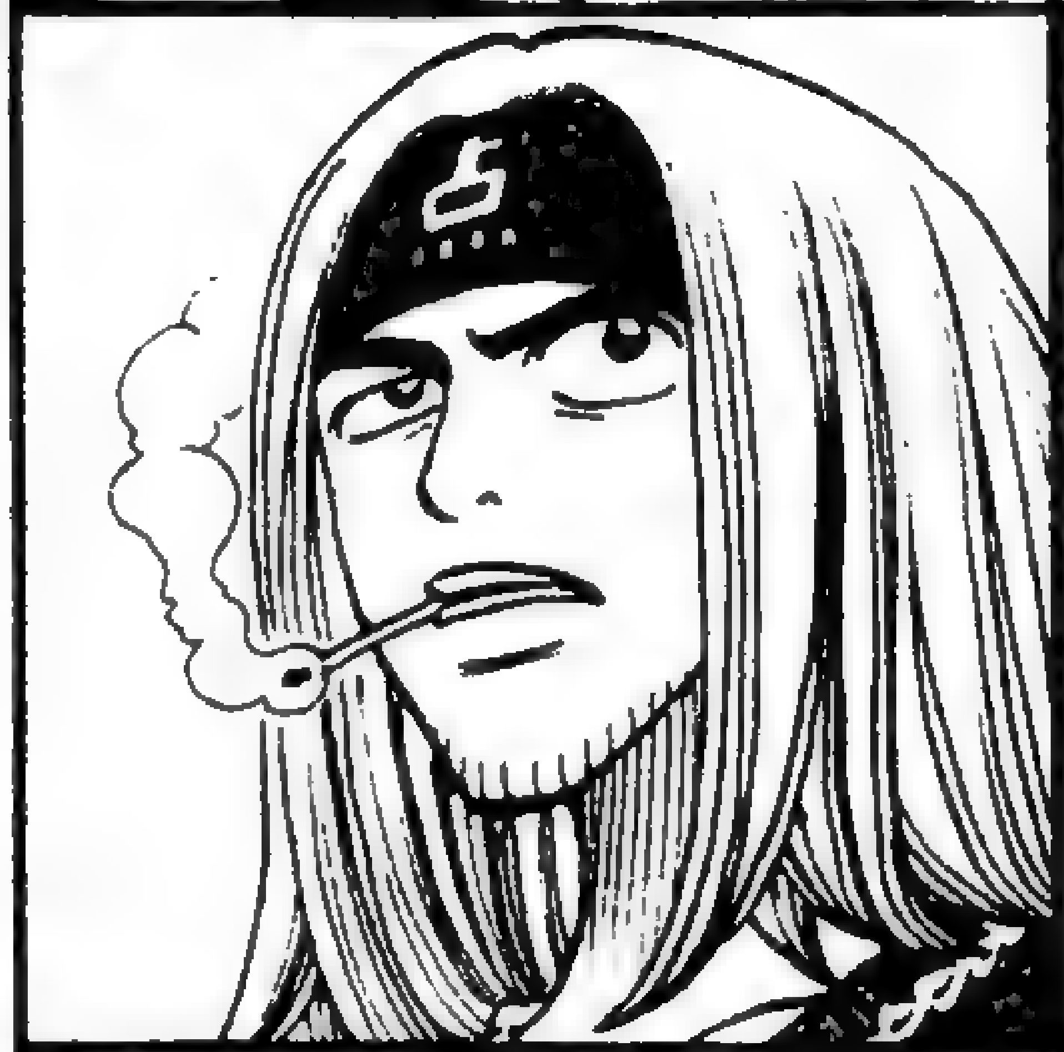
BG First Mate: Lunar
(1) DB (Lightning)
(2) 0046, March 19/ Age 21
(3) 160 cm (5'3") / 48 kg (106 lbs.) / Type A
(4) Peryperyoll
(5) Tanning salon
(6) Steering airships
(7) Hardner
(8) All those who oppose BG



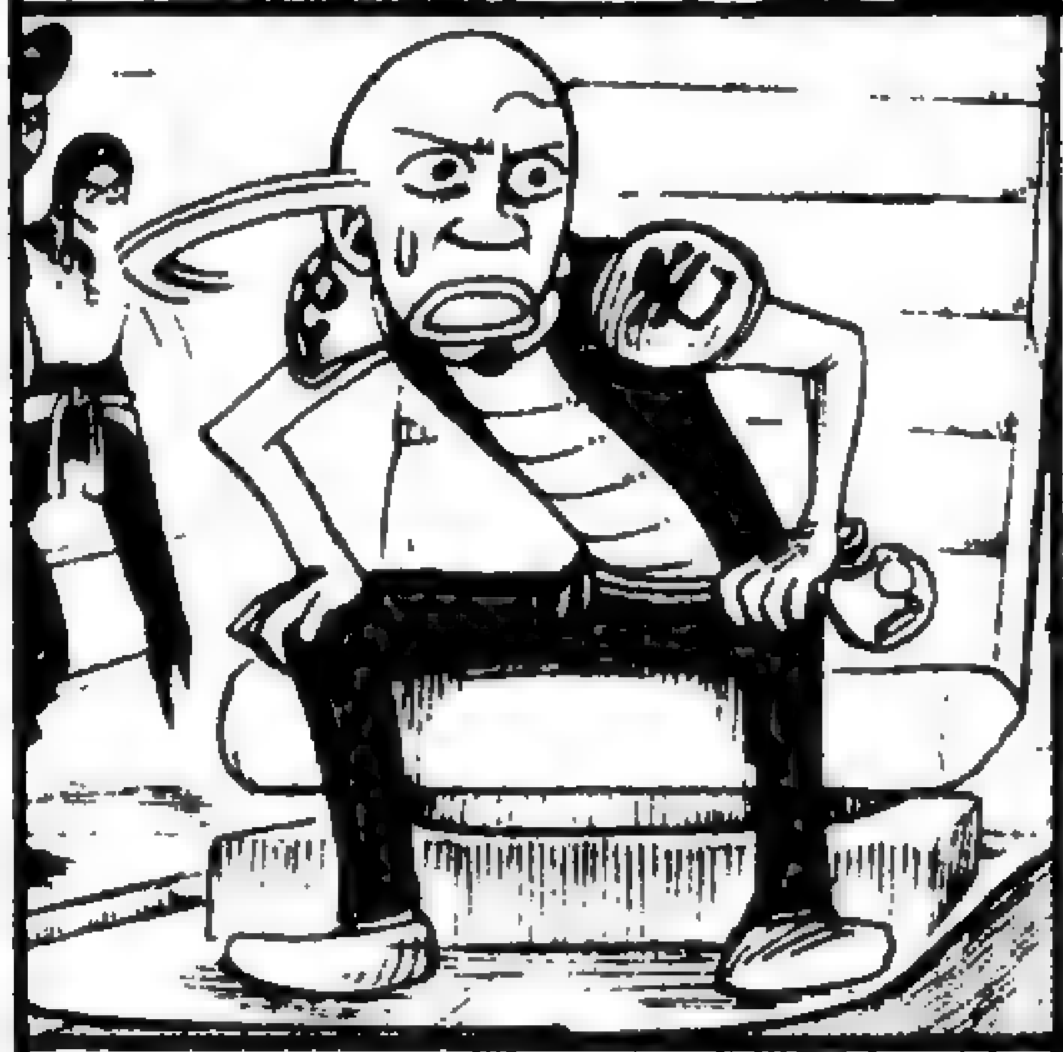
Doctor: Jellybone
(1) None
(2) 0015, November 16/ Age 51
(3) 174 cm (5'8.5") / 60kg (132 lbs.) / Type B
(4) Solar Fish Village
(5) Reading
(6) Medicine
(7) Belnika
(8) Experimentation



Resistance's #2: Mitsu Ansecto
(1) Saber
(2) Unknown/ Unknown (Age 15-16)
(3) 176 cm (5'9") / 64 kg (141 lbs.) / Type O
(4) Unknown
(5) Practicing with swords
(6) Cooking
(7) Nagisa, Daddy
(8) Bees



Resistance's #3: Nanahoshi Ansecto
(1) Shotgun
(2) Unknown/ Unknown (Age 15−16)
(3) 175 cm (5'9") / 67 kg (148 lbs.) / Type B
(4) Unknown
(5) Peeping
(6) Washing
(7) Daddy, family
(8) Daddy's face smacks



Acting Captain: Chaddock Ansecto
(1) Club
(2) Unknown/ unknown (Age 14~15)
(3) 168 cm (5'6") / 58kg (128 lbs.) / Type O
(4) Unknown
(5) Stuffing things he likes in bottles
(6) Falling asleep
(7) Plue, bottles
(8) Cats

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Characters, I Reveal Thy Secrets!

LOTS OF CHARACTERS TO GO THROUGH THIS TIME! FIRST, BELNIKA. I'VE WANTED TO BRING OUT A CHARACTER WITH AN EASTERN EUROPEAN NAME FOR A WHILE NOW. AT FIRST I'D PLANNED FOR A MORE STACKED GIRL, BUT ELIE AND JULIA ARE ALREADY PRETTY STACKED--SO I WENT EASY THIS TIME.

I'D FIRST PLANNED NAGISA AS A NINJA! MUSICA'S LINE ABOUT HER DISAPPEARING IN VOL. 22 IS A REMNANT OF THAT.

YUMA WAS PLANNED AS A HEARTY MIDDLE-AGED MAN FROM THE START. HE'S THE KID OF HASH, WHO WAS IN "KNIGHTS OF KINGDOM" IN VOL. 10. SURPRISINGLY FEW PEOPLE NOTICED.

HARDNER WAS A PRETTY TOUGH CHARACTER. I HADN'T SETTLED ANY DETAILS ABOUT HIM UNTIL RIGHT BEFORE HE APPEARED. ACTUALLY, I FORGOT, SEE. (^_^) AND HE'S SHORTER THAN HE WAS ON THE POSTCARD THAT CAME OUT WITH VOL. 18. SORRY, FORGOT ABOUT THAT.

NEXT IS BRANCH. HERE, EVERYTHING I WORKED OUT AT THE START WORKED THROUGH TO THE VERY END. HIS DUTY IS FULFILLED. HE WAS A TRULY UNPOPULAR CHARACTER, BUT SOME WERE A LITTLE MOVED BY HIM AT THE END.

LUNAR. SHE WINS MOST ANOREXIC PERSON THIS TIME AROUND! I ACTUALLY MEANT TO SHOW A GOOD IULIUS VS. LUNAR SCENE AND TO HAVE SHUDA (WHO DID NOTHING THIS TIME ^^;) BEAT HER, BUT I HAD TO CUT BOTH BATTLES FOR THE SAKE OF THE STORY. OH, LUNAR...FOR WHAT WERT THOU EVEN HERE? (TEARS)

JELLYBONE WAS ORIGINALLY AN ETHERION LAB RESEARCHER ON THE WESTERN SONG CONTINENT. BELNIKA'S PARENTS WERE ALSO RESEARCHERS, BUT THE RESEARCH ENDED WHEN SHE WAS STILL YOUNG. BELNIKA INHERITED THEIR ZEAL.

LAST ARE MITSU, NANAHOSHI, AND CHADDOCK. MITSU IS POPULAR FOR SOME REASON. (WHY?) ALL THE NAMES ARE RELATED TO INSECTS. YUMA'S NAME REVERSED MEANS "COCOON" AND THE LETTERS IN NAGISA'S NAME SWITCHED AROUND MEAN "CHRYSALIS." ALL THAT INSECT REFERENCING...JEEZ. CAN'T I COME UP WITH A BETTER PLAN THAN THAT?...

Levin Minds the House #22 -- SHOUJO MANGA

I'M BORED. SHALL WE DO AS IN SHOUJO MANGA?
SURE.
AHH.
I'M A SHOUJO MANGA PRETTY BOY.
UM...THAT'S HANDSOME, BUT...
...I'M JUST AS PRETTY!
HEY! DON'T DRAG ME INTO YOUR LITTLE SCHEME--CHANGE IT BACK!
DID THAT MAKE YOUR HEART THROB?
JUST SHUT UP AND CHANGE ME BACK!
FOR YOU, I FEAR NOTHING--NOT EVEN WITHERING AWAY.
HUH?!
SIGH
ROSE?!
CHANGE IT BAAACK!
WHAT'S THIS SPARKLY STUFF?

To be continued?

AFTERWORDS

THERE'S A SURE WAY TO RUIN HIRO MASHIMA'S PHYSICAL HEALTH, **DU-DUM!** (DRUMS) I THINK MY BODY'S PRETTY DECENT, BUT FOR SOME REASON, HOLIDAYS SEEM TO MESS ME UP. GOLDEN WEEK, LANTERN FESTIVAL, NEW YEAR'S...WHY?! I SHOULD BE LIKE, "YAY! HOLIDAY! LET'S GO PLAY!" AND FEEL GREAT, BUT I ALWAYS GET SICK. MAYBE BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS TIRED WHEN I GO OUT ON HOLIDAY?

I NEVER GET A COLD OR ANYTHING WHEN DRAWING MANGA, THOUGH. STRANGE...OH, AND I'M BACK FROM VACATION NOW.

MY RULE HELD DURING THIS YEAR'S GOLDEN WEEK, RIGHT ON SCHEDULE. (^^;) I KNOW THEY SAY MAINTAINING YOUR HEALTH'S PART OF YOUR JOB, BUT I'M BAD AT IT. IT'S NOT GOOD TO GET COLDS EVERY TIME YOU HAVE TIME OFF. I'LL TRY TO HANG ON NEXT TIME.

BEFORE THAT, THERE WAS THIS FRIEND OF MINE WHO WAS LIKE, "I'VE BEEN HERE 5 YEARS AND I'VE NEVER HAD A COLD!" AND EVERYONE WAS LIKE, "WOW..." AND HE WAS FOLLOWING ALL THESE RULES FOR NOT CATCHING COLDS, BUT THE WEEK AFTER, HE CAME DOWN WITH A COLD. ER... ^^;

SO, A QUESTION FOR ALL OF YOU:

IF YOU HAVE A FRIEND WHO LECTURED YOU ON NOT GETTING COLDS, AND THEN HE GETS A COLD THE WEEK AFTER:

HOW SHOULD YOU MAKE FUN OF HIM?

Hiro Mashima.